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Brown pledge not to hit wealthy

Labour bid to shed 'tax and spend' image

By Jill Sherman
Political Correspondent

■ Investment and growth replaces redistribution of wealth in Labour's latest economic policy, which strikingly resembles that of the government

LABOUR yesterday jettisoned the economic policy that lost it the last general election, and resolved to replace its "high tax, high spend" image with one of "invest and grow".

Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor, promised not to penalise the rich and also pledged to cut wasteful spending. "Labour is not against wealth, nor will we seek to penalise it," he declared at the launch of the party's new economic strategy.

In recent months Mr Brown has signalled a distinct shift from the "shadow budget" unveiled by John Smith when shadow chancellor in March last year. Although Mr Smith maintained that eight out of ten people would gain from his policy of scrapping the national insurance contributions ceiling and introducing a 50p top rate of tax, the proposals were widely blamed for losing Labour the election.

Yesterday Mr Brown distanced himself even further from that strategy, while denying that he was espousing Tory policy. "The next Labour government will not tax for its own sake," he told the party's finance and industry group. "The basis of our tax policy is not to penalise wealth but to promote greater opportunities for all.

"If we cut taxes — and I hope that we will be able to do so — we will ensure that everyone benefits fairly. We will not tax unless we can increase opportunities."

Turning to spending, Mr Brown said that it was justified only where it enhanced opportunities and prosperity. "Wherever spending has become divorced from these purposes, then it is wasteful and inefficient and we should cut it or eliminate it. Our aim is not to restrict opportunities by a commitment to tax and spend, but to advance opportunities by a commitment to invest and grow."

But while "modernisers" in the party such as Mr Brown and Tony Blair are concerned that Labour should seek to appeal to middle-income voters, left-wingers fear that the party is abandoning its basic ideals. Peter Hain, secretary of the Tribune group, said: "The rich have had £8 billion of tax cuts since 1988 at a time when the economy is in a mess, when public spending has been squeezed. Labour should come clean and say that the rich have got to pay more or society is going to go down the plughole in terms of quality of life. The rich are on a massive freebie at the moment."

The strategy document, entitled *The New Economic Approach*, does not give any detailed tax and spending plans, prompting questions about how Labour would fund its investment proposals. Nor does it spell out how the party would meet the projected £50 billion public deficit — although Mr Brown makes clear that he has dropped the shadow budget spending pledges on pensions and child benefit. Indeed, the strategy outlines an ambitious investment programme in skills and training.

Mr Brown proposes a higher training levy than the 0.5 per cent of turnover proposed at the last election; the new levy is likely to be 1 or 1.5 per cent and all firms would be liable, although those who provided training would receive a rebate.

The document also calls for more competition between financial institutions, saying the clearing bank system should be opened up to allow building societies and insurance companies to compete. Mr Brown condemned banks who had used their market position to increase charges by 50 per cent while boadroom salaries had soared.

But while Labour appeared to be moving towards the Tory approach, Michael Portillo denounced the document as vague and full of wishful thinking. The Chief Secretary to the Treasury said: "Labour fought the last election on higher taxes. Now they say Labour would not tax for its own sake. This statement is truly pathetic. They simply do not understand how an economy works. They have nothing to say any more."

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Back to school: guarded by two elderly soldiers, pupils at a school in Zvornik, eastern Bosnia, return to their classes as the fighting dies down

British doctor criticises Operation Irma

By Lin Jenkins and Jill Sherman

A BRITISH medical team just back from the Bosnian Muslim enclave of Tuzla yesterday criticised Operation Irma as a "sop to public opinion". At the same time Downing Street made clear that Britain was unlikely in the immediate future to take any more medical evacuees from Sarajevo.

A spokesman said that Britain was still ready to play its part, but other countries were expected to take the next wave of victims. United Nations officials have now been offered 800 beds in 15 countries.

Croatian fighters told the British medical team in Tuzla that they would be shot down if their helicopter did not evacuate an ill Croatian child. Eric Freedlander, a plastic surgeon of the Northern General Hospital in Sheffield, said the threat forced the team to abandon its plans and instead use an armoured vehicle to leave Kiseljak.

He described the incident as an example of the damage done in evacuating patients rather than ensuring that humanitarian aid got through. "Because one faction was allowed to get people out, another complained to the United Nations and threatened to shoot down our helicopter unless the UN took the child out," he said in London yesterday.

Government sources indicated that Britain was ready to help other areas under siege in Bosnia, such as Tuzla and Mostar, but emphasised the practical difficulties of evacuating people from outside Sarajevo.

In spite of the controversy provoked by Britain's concern over the small number of children on the initial list of medical evacuees, Downing Street is evidently patting itself on the back because Britain made the first move. "The good thing is that we started this ball rolling, and it looks like other countries have moved in," the spokesman said. "But we stand ready as before to respond to any requests from the UNHCR [UN High Commissioner for Refugees]." Britain has given £131 million worth of aid, and further medical supplies were flown in on the last RAF evacuation plane.

Britain has evidently been embarrassed by the inclusion of suspected soldiers in the airlift, but Downing Street made clear that this was in line with the Geneva Convention ruling that soldiers who have laid down arms should "be treated humanely, without adverse discrimination".

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US to add Sudan to terror list

THE United States is to place Sudan on its list of nations fomenting terrorism after an investigation implicated its leaders in a plot to bomb the United Nations (James Bone writes from New York).

The decision follows a report by ABC television that two diplomats at Sudan's mission to the UN were intelligence agents who were to help a group of Islamic fundamentalists, now under arrest, to bomb UN headquarters in New York. The report is fiercely denied by the diplomats.

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Nickell murder charge

COLIN Stagg, aged 30, of Roehampton, south-west London, will appear in court today charged with the murder of Rachel Nickell (pictured), 23, the former model stabbed to death in front of her two-year-old son Alex on Wimbledon Common 13 months ago. Mr Stagg was arrested at his home in Ibsley Gardens, Alton Estate, Roehampton, at 5.30 yesterday and taken to Wandsworth police station. He will appear at Wimbledon magistrates' court today.

Gas price rise predicted in break-up of monopoly

By Ross Tieman and Arthur Leathley

THE Monopolies and Mergers Commission yesterday demanded an end to British Gas's virtual monopoly over domestic gas supply. To compensate the company for the loss of profitable customers to cut-price rivals, the commission called for the price restraint on household gas bills to be relaxed.

The proposal forms part of a package of measures which would reduce British Gas to the role of a pipeline operator and give the United Kingdom a free market in gas supply.

After a nine-month investigation, the commission said British Gas should be forced to sell off its gas supply business, and that householders should pick up the tab for the break-up, a bill estimated by British Gas at £130 million.

The report will present Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, with a potentially explosive political task immediately on his return to office after a heart attack. The idea of asking some of Britain's poorest households to carry the cost of a break-up threatens to reopen Tory wounds still smarting from plans to impose VAT on fuel and power.

Mr Heseltine and fellow ministers will be wary of pushing forward the monopolies commission proposals, which risk bringing further fuel price rises and would require a parliamentary bill to implement.

Opposition MPs were quick yesterday to expose the threat of increased gas charges. Martin O'Neill, the shadow energy spokesman, said: "This report offers nothing for the consumer. The cost of loosening British Gas's stranglehold on the gas supply system will be paid through dearer gas bills if present price controls are relaxed."

The Liberal Democrats welcomed the prospect of an end to the monopoly, but Simon Hughes, the party's energy spokesman, said: "There must be no risk of an increase in domestic customers' gas bills."

The monopolies commission supported a move to open competition for household customers after concluding that businesses had enjoyed price cuts averaging 10 per cent after the introduction of competition, in addition to better standards of service and more flexible contracts.

Last night independent gas companies, which have promised savings of up to 10 per cent in household gas bills, complained that it could take up to eight years to achieve a competitive market under the commission's proposals. Brit-

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Detective shot in siege after car chase

A DETECTIVE was shot in the head after a police car carrying undercover officers from the Flying Squad came under fire from suspected armed robbers yesterday.

Detective Sergent Micchael Stubbs, 43, was detained in hospital but was not seriosuly injured by the bullet, which grazed his left temple.

The officers were pursuing suspected armed robbers in

A police marksman outside the siege house

Sidcup, Kent, when their car was hit in the windscreen and bonnet and the tyres were shot out. Despite bursts of automatic gunfire, police did not fire any shots during the chase, said Scotland Yard.

Two men were arrested 30 minutes after the raid, and were being questioned at a south London police station last night.

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Norwegian minister insults Gummer

By Arthur Leathley

THE Anglo-Norwegian row over British gas emissions plumbed new depths last night as senior ministers engaged in a blunt exchange of views over acid rain.

John Gummer, the environment minister, was forced to defend Britain's environmental policy in the face of a fierce attack by Thorbjoern Berntsen, his Norwegian counterpart. The two ministers have been at loggerheads over the cause of the acid rains which have caused widespread damage to Norwegian forests and polluted lakes.

After meeting in New York earlier this year, the two ministers failed to resolve fundamental differences both over British gas emissions and over Norway's refusal to end commercial whaling. Last night it became clear that disagreements between the two politicians had reached a personal level, with the Norwegian minister accusing Mr Gummer of being insolent and a "shitbag".

"The English environment minister is the biggest shitbag I have met in my life," he told a Norwegian newspaper. Mr Berntsen, a socialist minister campaigning for next month's general election, said Mr Gummer was insolent to Norway when he raised the acid rain problem during their New York meeting.

However, it soon emerged that the two ministers not only have differences of opinion but cannot agree on the subject they discussed in New York. Mr Gummer insisted that their conversation had been about whaling.

Last night Mr Gummer said at his Suffolk home: "I don't think the comments of people in an election campaign, when they aren't willing to defend the largest sea mammal, are worth making much about. I am not going to reply to people who use this sort of language.

"The real issue in New York in July was the Norwegians' objection to the fact that the UK has fought against whale hunting," he added.

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Peugeot cuts model production with loss of 300 UK jobs

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

PEUGEOT, the latest victim of the recession sweeping through continental markets, has stopped production of its 405 saloon models in Britain.

Vauxhall and Ford have already started a wide-ranging programme of cutbacks as sales on the Continent tumble.

Peugeot, one of the success stories of the past decade in Britain, has been forced to abandon production of its most popular car at its Ryton plant at Coventry with the loss of about 300 jobs.

Workers returning to Ryton from holiday at the end of the month will be told that the plant will make only the 306 small car; all supplies of the 405 will come from a sister plant at Sochaux in France.

The question now facing Britain's car industry is how much further the recession abroad will hamper the recovery at home. Although sales here have recovered from three years of recession and are running 9 per cent ahead of last year, sales on the Continent have slumped 17.7 per cent in the first seven months of the year. Sales in France — the main export market for Coventry-built 405s — have also dropped 17 per cent, forcing Peugeot into cuts across the group.

Vauxhall has responded to the slump by suspending production at its Luton, Bedfordshire, plant this week and calling off the night shift at Ellesmere Port in Cheshire.

Ford, which implemented huge cuts last year, is still trimming back. Output of Transit vans at Southampton was stopped on Monday for two days to add to the 22 shifts already lost this year. A further 24 shifts have been cut at Halewood, Merseyside, where the top-selling Escort car is made, and five at Dagenham, Essex, which makes the Fiesta.

Only Rover and Jaguar have so far escaped the new wave of cuts sweeping the motor industry at a time when hopes were growing that the worst was over.

Geoffrey Whalen, president of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders and managing director of Peugeot Talbot, warned less than two weeks ago that the British motor industry faced a new crisis.

Yesterday, he was counting the cost of the slump which has severely dented the transformation of the Ryton plant since it was rescued from spectacular financial losses in the seventies.

From a market share in the UK of just over 3 per cent ten years ago, the company had improved to take almost 8 per cent. With output at a maximum 2,600 cars a week two years ago, more than 60 per cent of Coventry-made 405s were exported and Ryton won its bid to make a second car, the 306, launched in April.

The 405 is still the eighth best selling car in the UK this year, but bigger domestic sales are not enough to offset the losses abroad. As a result, output earlier this year of 1,900 cars a week had been cut to 1,600. The 5,280 workers have been asked to consider voluntary redundancy to help Peugeot achieve its target of 300 job losses.

Tony Woodley, national motor industry secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, said yesterday: "This comes after tremendous productivity improvements to enable the plant to produce two cars. The factory has now been cut down in its prime."

British union leaders will meet representatives from the company's plants in Spain and France later this month to discuss the state of Peugeot. They are worried that the company may retrench in France, drastically curtailing output at Ryton.

Industry demands car fraud laws

BY OUR MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

NEW laws to end car fraud which costs consumers at least £145 million a year may be drafted soon after an outcry by Britain's biggest finance companies.

The Finance and Leasing Association, the most powerful organisation representing 106 lenders, will put proposals to Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, next month to end the misery of 7,500 motorists a year who unwittingly buy stolen cars or vehicles already owned by finance houses.

The association's plan would force dealers, finance houses and insurers to register their interest in any car on a central computer to which buyers could refer.

Mileage readings would also be registered to end "clocking", in which car odometers are turned back to make them appear newer than they really are. Laws to set up a compulsory computer register could be passed as soon as next year.

Trading standards departments say that car fraud accounts for 25 per cent of their time and that clocking costs consumers about £100 million a year. Finance houses say car buyers lose at least £45 million to fraudsters who sell cars covered by outstanding hire purchase agreements or insurance write-offs which have been rebuilt.

John Brown, of the association, said: "In times of recession, cars are just cash on wheels. We are contacting the industry department within the next few weeks with positive proposals to curb the activities of people who are costing the ordinary motorist a small fortune."

Current schemes are voluntary, leaving large loopholes for customers trying to check the history of second-hand cars.

Armed raid was result of 'administrative error'

MARTIN BEDDALL

Falsely imprisoned: Sarah Cohen, who was handcuffed, pushed to the floor and strip-searched in the raid

Yard pays three for bungle in IRA hunt

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

SCOTLAND Yard is to pay £18,000 damages to three people falsely imprisoned by armed officers hunting the IRA terrorists who planted a bomb outside Harrods.

A man and a woman detained when nine officers burst into a north London flat have been paid £6,000 each and a third unnamed man is to receive the same sum. The Metropolitan police have also agreed to pay legal costs estimated at £600.

Liberty, the human rights organisation which brought the case, said the outcome broke new ground in the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

Sarah Cohen, 28, unemployed, and Sean Hampson, son of a retired British army major, were detained for 15 hours in a police cell in March by officers investigating the attack outside the Knightsbridge, west London, store.

A Metropolitan police solicitor said the raid on the Hornsey flat had been the result of a regrettable administrative error.

In a letter to *Liberty*, the solicitor added: "It is entirely accepted that the experience must have been an unpleasant one for your clients, and I am authorised to offer a full apology for the distress and discomfort caused."

The flat was on the first floor of a house split into three apartments, one of which had been visited by Sophie Rimington, daughter of Stella Rimington, the head of MI5, which last year took control of intelligence gathering against the IRA from Scotland Yard. Mrs Rimington's daughter was not involved.

Police broke down the door of the flat shortly after midnight as Mr Hampson, a psychology student, and Miss Cohen, listened to music with three friends. Miss Cohen, who was wearing an Irish soccer scarf and has many Irish friends, said that she was shoved to the floor of the flat by officers wearing bullet-proof jackets and helmets.

She was frisked, plastic handcuffs put on her wrists and then an officer entered the flat and told all five people they were being arrested on suspicion of terrorism. During the incident Miss Cohen received a black eye when she was pushed to the floor, bruising to her chest and bruised nerves in her right hand. "I was humiliated," she said. At Charing Cross police station she was strip-searched, denied access to a phone and the officers refused to inform anyone of her arrest. She received no food and water for ten hours.

The Metropolitan police last night expressed surprise at the terms of the announcement from *Liberty*, saying that as soon as it was realised by police that they had gone to the wrong address, Miss Cohen and Mr Hampson had been released with apologies. "The Metropolitan police willingly agreed a sum with their solicitor and repeated the apology."

Two men have since been charged with the bomb attack on Harrods after being arrested in Stoke Newington, north London, on March 2.

American sniper rifle found in arms cache

BY NICHOLAS WATT

POLICE in Belfast yesterday uncovered the most powerful sniper's rifle ever seized in Northern Ireland, an American-made Tejas .50 calibre believed to have been used by the IRA in the attempted murder of a soldier in June.

The rifle, which can fire armour-piercing rounds up to three miles, is similar to the weapon which the IRA has used to murder six members of the security forces in single shot attacks in the past year.

The 5ft-long weapon was found with a sniper's telescopic sight attached as part of an IRA cache uncovered at an empty flat in the Lower Falls area of West Belfast. Police also found an AK47 assault rifle and bomb making equipment, including a detonator and copper tubing containing half a kilo of Semtex.

A police spokesman described the find as significant and said the rifle had been smuggled into the province. "We feel that it came in a recent consignment of arms and we consider it a very significant find," he said.

Forensic tests are being carried out on the rifle to see if it was the weapon used in IRA sniper attacks which have killed four soldiers and two policemen along the border in the past year. An expert said last night that the weapon found yesterday was very similar to the Barrett Light Fifty, which security sources believe was used in the shootings. Bruce Jones, of Janes Defence Information, said the rifle may be a copy of the Barrett made by Tejas, an obscure American gunmaker.

"Sportsmen use them to fire through steel plates at a mile and a half. This size of gun has a very high velocity and a flat trajectory which means that windage does not count. They can be used to shoot down helicopters and are highly accurate over one mile," he said.

The IRA sniper (or possibly snipers) who has stalked members of the security forces over the past year has assumed such a mythical status that he has been dubbed "Goldfinger". In the most recent shooting, a 28-year-old lance corporal was murdered last month while he was on foot patrol.

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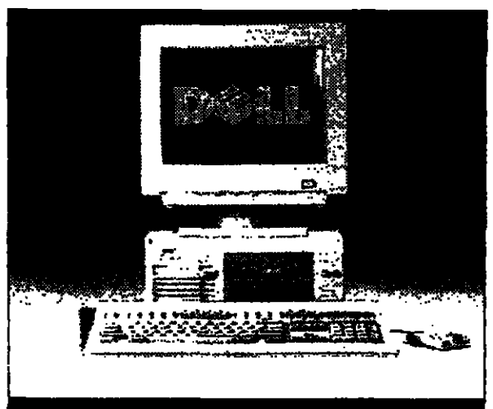

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Gas market to face more competition

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ish Gas, however, has always maintained that two-thirds of its 18 million household customers would lose out in a free market because they benefit from a cross-subsidy charged to high volume users.

The commission is recommending a phased reduction in the threshold of competition, with the next cut, from 2,500 therms a year to 1,500 therms a year, scheduled for 1997.

But it was the commission's plan to ease the price formula which caps domestic bills from inflation minus 5 per cent to inflation minus 4 per cent which provoked most concern.

James Cooper, chairman of the Gas Consumers' Council, said: "If these recommendations are implemented it appears that large numbers of domestic customers will pay more for their gas."

John Ward, acting director of the National Consumer Council, said: "We see absolutely no justification for discriminating against domestic consumers in this way."

However, officials indicated yesterday that the government would not attempt to rush through its response to the commission's proposals. Although the timetable for consultation will not be announced until the full Monopolies Commission reports are published next month, MPs do not expect the process to begin until the end of the year, and possibly next year.

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Consumers face £16 price rise

BY A STAFF REPORTER

DOMESTIC fuel bills for Britain's 18 million gas consumers could rise by up to £300 million during the next three years if recommendations contained in a report on the industry go ahead, according to consumer watchdogs.

James Cooper, chairman of the Gas Consumers' Council, said that if the Monopolies and Mergers Commission report's recommendations were implemented, domestic consumers would pay an average of £16 per household more for gas between 1994 and 1997.

His views were echoed by John Ward, a director of the National Consumer Council: "This does not bode well for prices and standards of service in the long-term."

Gas customers will be hardest hit by the relaxation of the tariff formula, the mechanism which British Gas uses to increase prices. At present, gas prices can rise by the rate of inflation less 5 per cent. However, the commission has ruled that British Gas only has to deduct 4 per cent.

Mr Ward also expressed disapproval that the new formula would hit only domestic users. "We see no justification for discriminating against domestic consumers in this way, let alone three years before British Gas actually starts to lose any money as a result of the commission's proposals." Gas consumers already face the imposition of VAT on their heating bills from next spring.

As a first step in the removal of British Gas's monopoly by 2005, the commission has proposed that independent companies compete for customers who use more than 1,500 therms of gas.

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Those who lose	*Amount	Present price per therm (domestic 43.3p)
3-bed terrace house	837	£362.42
4-bed semi-detached	924	£815.29
4-bed detached	1421	£615.29

Those who gain	Amount	Contract rates (17p-39p)
4-bed detached + swimg pool	3,421	£1334.19 @ 39p
Small firm (2,500-25,000)	20,000	£8,000 @ 30p
Large firm (25,000+)	50,000	£10,000 @ 20p

* Heating and cooking. Figures exclude standing charges and VAT. Source: Gas Consumers Council

NEWS IN BRIEF

Speeding car seller blinded pedestrian

A grandfather was almost killed when run over by a speeding Porsche driver showing off the car to potential buyers, an Old Bailey judge was told yesterday. Harry Johnson, 67, of Chessington, Surrey, was blinded and suffered a fractured skull, two broken legs, a broken arm, and internal injuries when he was struck at 60-70mph in February. The driver, Jan Alio, 23, of Epsom, Surrey, was jailed for two years when he admitted dangerous driving. Alio had been taking two potential buyers for a test drive in a 30mph zone when the accident happened.

Father wins coma case

Dennis Barratt, 27, father of a seven-week-old girl born to Melanie Douglas, 24, while she was in a coma from head injuries after a car accident, may continue looking after her, the High Court decided yesterday. Miss Douglas's mother, Marie Langley, 44, had contested custody with Mr Barratt of Castle Vale, Birmingham.

Mail strike called off

A two-week postal strike which halted delivery of more than three million letters and parcels was called off yesterday. The Royal Mail said it would take up to a week for deliveries to return to normal after the stoppage by 900 workers in Cardiff. A ballot was held after the union agreed a peace formula over changes to shift patterns.

Osman freed from jail

Lorrain Osman, right, Britain's longest-serving remand prisoner, was yesterday freed from a Hong Kong jail after serving eight months of a one-year sentence for fraud in one of the former colony's biggest financial scandals. It is believed Osman, 62, will return to London, where his family live. The banker was accused of defrauding a subsidiary of the Malaysian state bank.

Bogus PC demands fine

Police in Sheffield are hunting a man who posed as a traffic officer, complete with "Police" and a reflective strip on the side of his white car, to extract an on-the-spot "fine" from a motorist. The driver, who had been flagged down at dusk, became suspicious and refused to pay the £15. The man attempted to drag her to his car but she escaped.

Baby shot in head

A baby was shot in the head when an airgun was fired accidentally during a fair near his home at Walton on the Naze, Essex. Five-month-old Danny Minx was due to undergo a three-hour operation at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, to remove a lead pellet which was lodged next to an artery. The hospital said his condition was stable.

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American niper rifle found in rms cache

By Nicholas Watt

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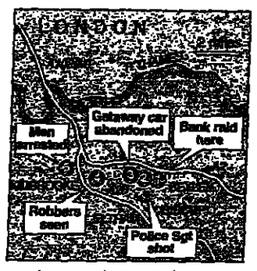
Two men held after flying squad surveillance operation foils attack by raiders in south London

End of the road: weapons at the ready, police surround a house in Merifield Road, Kidbrooke, south London, where two men were later arrested following a car chase after a raid on a security van

Officer hit in head by machinegun during car chase

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Correspondent



TWO men were being questioned last night after a policeman was hit in the head when raiders fired a sub-machine gun at pursuing police.

The police car chasing the robbers in southeast London was stopped when another bullet hit a tyre. The flying squad detective sergeant, 43, received grazing to his head. Although armed, the police did not return fire.

The raiders abandoned their Astra car and tried to hijack another. At one point they stopped a car and held up a woman. Forced to flee on foot, they were chased by police as reinforcements arrived. A weapon was later recovered.

The shooting started after officers kept watch on a gang suspected of planning a robbery. They did not know the target, but several officers were issued with weapons after they discovered the suspects were likely to be armed.

Just after 11am yesterday, officers in an unmarked car saw the suspects attack a security van delivering cash to a Barclays bank in Sidcup, Kent. The police gave chase and shots were fired at their car, piercing the windscreen.

After abandoning their car the men were seen in Eltham and two were arrested 30 minutes later in Merifield Road, Kidbrooke, south London.

John Wiggins, a panel beater who witnessed the chase, said he ran out when he heard a burst of gunfire. "The red Astra was up on the kerb and a bloke was hanging out the back letting loose with a gun. It looked like a little machine-gun — an Uzi like one of those things you see on Rambo. I was ducking out of the way because I did not know what was happening."

Mr Wiggins said he saw the police officer shot through the windscreen. "He looked as though he had a gash out of the side of his head. He got out of the car and went to the back and fell down."

The sergeant was still conscious when colleagues and bystanders went to his aid. "The Astra went steaming down the road with two police cars following it. It was chaos."

Last night, the sergeant was under observation at Queen Mary's hospital in Sidcup after receiving stitches.

Yesterday's operation was typical of the cat-and-mouse game played between detectives from Scotland Yard and armed robbers who prey on high-street banks, security vans, post offices, and betting shops. Each year the flying squad mounts about 700 operations where weapons are issued, but in many cases no arrest are made and the weapons are not used. Last year London had 1,700 armed robberies, about half of all attacks in England and Wales.

Cult leader 'was a mental patient'

By Michael Horsnell

KEVIN O'Byrne, the leader of a cult commune in which children were regularly beaten and sexually abused, was a paranoid schizophrenic who had been in mental institutions on three occasions, the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

Lorraine Boyce, a former member of The Teachers' sect, said the followers of Mr O'Byrne, who liked to be known as "Kevin of the Teachers", put up with physical and sexual abuse because of his charismatic personality.

Ms Boyce, a former deputy headmistress, said: "He made no secret of the fact that he was a paranoid schizophrenic. It was as if the community was his safe place where his illness was protected."

She said that when she first joined the cult in 1973 she had been amazed to witness Mr O'Byrne beating a follower called Michelle Bland, who was a co-founder of the sect and one of five women who mothered his 12 children.

"I was surprised how hard he hit her. On one occasion there was blood in the kitchen. He said, 'I have to hit her sometimes to change the way she thinks.'"

Ms Boyce, 53, said she was too frightened to leave the cult, which operated at a farmhouse near Bangor, north Wales, because he had threatened to kill her if she took her children with her. She said she was ashamed she did nothing to stop the brutality she witnessed.

Ms Boyce, who later escaped the commune, was giving evidence at the trial of Rebecca Teacher, one of Mr O'Byrne's children, who is accused of conspiring to blackmail him by demanding up to £60,000 not to reveal the cult's secrets to the press.

Miss Teacher, 18, denies the charge and claims that the money she sought from her father was justifiable compensation for her childhood suffering. Her stepfather and co-defendant, William Webb, 43, also denies blackmail.

Ms Boyce said that Miss Teacher's mother, Christiana, was seduced by Mr O'Byrne. She told the court that she had also witnessed Mr O'Byrne having sex with a child cult member.

The trial continues today.

Solicitor 'claimed he was entitled to sex' after ball

By A Staff Reporter

A SCOTTISH solicitor accused of trying to rape a fellow lawyer later claimed he was entitled to sex because he had spent £200 on her, a court heard yesterday.

Angus Diggle, 37, told a policewoman after a St Andrew's day ball in Park Lane, London: "Well, I have been out with her. I spent £200 on her, why can't I do what I did to her?" an Old Bailey jury heard.

Mr Diggle, who denies attempted rape, was said by Jayne Stratton, a police sergeant, to have threatened to commit suicide as she drove him back to the police station. "His speech was disjointed and from his facial appearance it was evident that he had been drinking."

She said that when she arrived at the flat in Earl's Court, west London, where the alleged attack took place, Mr Diggle was still there. The victim's woman friend, who owned the flat, said: "This man went to a ball with my friend and I don't want him here."

Sgt Stratton said she went into a bedroom, where she saw a lone woman. "She had no clothes on her top half. The rest was covered by a duvet ... I asked her if the man in the kilt was her friend. Her look changed to one of concern.

The policewoman said she asked the woman whether she had been raped, and she replied: "He tried but I stopped him."

Sgt Stratton said: "So he attempted to rape you." She said: "Well yes ... but I would not want to get him in trouble for rape. It was more of an indecent assault."

An insurance underwriter told the court that the alleged attack left the woman solicitor an emotional wreck. The witness, who cannot be named to protect the identity of the alleged victim, said that after her experience she was "sobbing, violently shaking, rocking backwards and forwards and trembling".

Diggle: accused of attempted rape

The underwriter, a close friend of the woman solicitor, said he was asleep with his fiancée when he heard a piercing scream from the next room. This was followed by the woman solicitor running naked into his bedroom.

He said he investigated and found Mr Diggle on the living room floor, naked except for the detachable cuffs of his Highland costume. Mr Diggle seemed drunk and totally unconcerned about the incident, the witness said. He called the police after repeated efforts to get Mr Diggle to leave. "That seemed to have some effect. He attempted to get up and tried to put on some clothes."

Mr Diggle, of Bolton, Greater Manchester, denies attempting to rape the solicitor on December 1 last year. The court heard that the woman lawyer had travelled down from her home in Edinburgh after accepting an invitation to attend the ball with Mr Diggle, who appeared to be "the perfect gentleman".

The trial continues.

Britons ambushed on Calais motorway

By Tim Jones
Transport Correspondent

A BRITISH couple cut short a weekend in France after being terrorised by robbers on a new stretch of motorway near Calais. Such attacks have previously been confined to tourists in the south.

Lisa Webster, 27, from New Cross, southeast London, believes her husband Richard's birthday gift of an advanced driving course saved them from being robbed and badly beaten.

She said that they had arrived at Calais about 1am last Friday. They saw a man with a car on the motorway hard shoulder waving to them, but decided against stopping to help. "The next thing we knew, the car overtook us and started weaving about in front of us.

"Eventually, we were forced to stop beside a slip road and three men got out and one of them had a hammer. As they approached us, Richard slammed the car into gear and charged down the slip road.

"With the car charging behind us, we realised to our horror we had been speeding towards a dead end. The three men got out and started rocking the car and shouting abuse. They tried to force the doors open as one of them hit the car again and again with the hammer. It was violent and frightening." Mrs Webster added: "Richard slammed the car into reverse and did a brilliant handbrake turn which enabled us to escape." She said she was convinced her husband's £200 driving course at Silverstone saved their lives.

They escaped and drove to the police station in Boulogne, where police appeared to be "totally unconcerned". Eventually, they left their hotel after only one night.

☐ The 44 British tourists who came under fire as they cruised down the Nile on Monday decided to stay on board and continue their journey. A spokesman for Thomas Cook, the tour operator, said: "They exhibited a typical British stiff upper lip towards the whole affair."

Court may bar boy's US visits

By Frances Gibb
Legal Correspondent

A JUDGE will be asked tomorrow to allow an 11-year-old boy to visit his American grandparents in a private hearing that could see the end of all contact between them until he is 18.

The Official Solicitor, Peter Harris, will make a recommendation at the High Court hearing on whether the boy, who is at the centre of a custody battle between his London-based parents, should be allowed to leave Britain.

Last week the boy's father lost his nine-year fight for custody of the child after some 90 court applications in a legal battle that has cost the taxpayer an estimated £500,000. The Court of Appeal dismissed his challenge against a decision by Judge Clive Callman that the boy should stay with his mother.

Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, sitting with Lords Justices Mann and Hirst, criticised the judge and the former Official Solicitor, David Venables, for cutting all direct contact between father and son for so long. Last week he saw his son for the first time for six months.

The boy had expressed a wish to live with his father and failed in the appeal court earlier this year to have his own views separately represented. Every year the boy, an American citizen, has visited his grandparents in Virginia but now the court is to review the visiting rights of both father and grandparents.

The family moved to London in the early 80s. The father, a 46-year-old jazz pianist and writer, is representing himself in court.

Golden anniversary for a friendly voice

By John Young

MICHAEL POWELL

Sound bite: a ex-broadcaster at the BFBS display

A BROADCASTING institution that apparently began life in a harem in Algiers marked its 50th anniversary yesterday with the opening of an exhibition at the National Army Museum in London.

In late 1943, three British Army officers were sent to North Africa "to bring music and the voices of home to the British troops in the Central Mediterranean Force and to make them realise that they were not forgotten". They had neither funds nor staff but on January 1, 1944 the British Forces Experimental Station went on air, the forerunner of the British Forces Broadcasting Service.

Yesterday, veterans of the service gathered in Chelsea to celebrate a half century of broadcasting to listeners in some 60 countries.

Alan Protheroe, managing director of the Services Sound and Vision Corporation, of which BFBS is the broadcasting arm, said it was "the voice of your own community radio station, the voice that brings you in your own language news, drama, documentary, sport, education, information and comfort".

General Sir Peter de la Billière, commander of British forces in the Gulf war, had described BFBS as "a vital weapon in the armoury of any modern military commander and a vital contribution to the morale of the British serviceman serving overseas".

During the second world war, the Algiers operation had to look to those deemed unfit for active service, who happily became announcers, newsreaders, scriptwriters and actors. Similar services were established in the Middle East, India and Burma.

After D-Day the service extended into liberated Europe and later broadcast to troops engaged in hostilities in Palestine, Aden, Cyprus, the Falklands and the Gulf. Today it broadcasts to those on peacekeeping operations in former Yugoslavia and to the peacetime garrisons still stationed abroad.

Today's radio programmes are networked worldwide from the BFBS studios in Buckinghamshire, and troops serving in Germany, Cyprus and Gibraltar can watch television via satellite. Many civilians in northern Europe tune into BFBS radio.

The BFBS exhibition is open until November 23, at the National Army Museum, Royal Hospital Road, Chelsea, London SW3. Admission free.

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Sextuplets' parents get six home helps

BY PAUL WILKINSON

■ Humberside social services' decision to pay £104,000 a year to help care for Britain's newest sextuplets has provoked protests

THE parents of Britain's most recent set of sextuplets have been granted six full-time home helps to look after the children, born last May, at a cost to the taxpayer of £104,000 a year.

After discussions with doctors and health workers, Humberside social services has agreed to provide a 24-hour rota of assistants working in pairs in three shifts.

Robert Lake, Humberside director of social services, said: "This is not a question of profligacy, we are just doing our job. The problem is that the children are slow feeders. By the time they have washed, fed and changed the last, it is time to feed the first one again. It was agreed that providing this help was the best way of tackling the situation."

Mr Lake said: "This sum is the cost of recruiting six people on short-term contracts to help look after the children. It is made up of their salaries and all our add-on costs like national insurance."

The birth of the five girls and a boy sent baby product promoters rushing to their parents' home in Grimsby, south Humberside, with lucrative sponsorship deals, and the couple appointed an agent to handle them. But when it emerged that not only were Jean Gibbins, 29, and Jan Vince, 36, not married, but they did not even live together, the offers began to fade. The couple have since married.

All but one of the sextuplets have been released from St James's University Hospital in Leeds, where they were delivered by caesarian section 11 weeks prematurely. The hospital has already sent the family's local health authority a bill for more than £100,000 for their stay. One estimate has put the cost to the public of treatment coupled with the welfare of the children until they are 16 at around £800,000.

Mr Lake said: "It is quite possible that if they had received all the deals other sextuplets have been offered they could have bought this service privately, but we have a duty under the Children Act to provide it. The act is quite clear; we must meet the need first and then see where the resources are coming from."

Opposition figures on Humberside County Council have attacked the decision. Paul Gosnold, leader of the Liberal Democrats, said: "I am in favour of supporting this family, but not at this exorbitant cost and not to the detriment of others who need help."

The arrival of the sextuplets raised questions which are still being debated. Miss Gibbins was receiving fertility treatment and had already had one child using that method with Mr Vince. Her doctors said they were unaware of her marital status. Mr Vince already has three children. He is divorced from their mother. The births brought calls for stricter controls on fertility treatment.

RICHARD AUSTIN

Snappy window dresser: John Mould, a Dorset fossil hunter, works on the huge skull of a prehistoric sea creature discovered on the shores of Lyme Bay. The head belonged to an ichthyosaur, a giant seagoing reptile, which flourished at the same time as the dinosaurs, around 190 million years ago (Nigel Hawkes writes). The head is 4ft 6in long, and the body probably measured another 30ft. Chris Moore and Mr Mould, who run the Old Forge Fossil Shop in Lyme Regis, have just completed the year-long task of extracting the fossil and preparing it for their shop window. Mr Moore said: "It is a massive specimen and one of the biggest and best preserved complete skulls found. It is also three-dimensional so you can see just how mean a creature this was. The ichthyosaur looked a bit like a dolphin but it was much less friendly."

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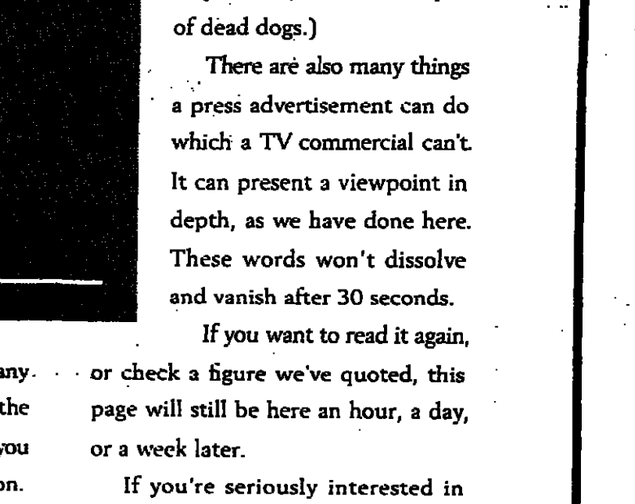

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M6 widening could boost Olympic bid

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THE government yesterday announced a £570 million widening programme for the M6, which it hopes will help Manchester's bid to stage the 2000 Olympics.

The work will create a four-lane motorway for most of the way between Birmingham and Manchester by the turn of the century. Robert Key, the roads minister, pledged the 57-mile widening would be carried out with minimum disruption to the 90,000 motorists who currently use the motorway.

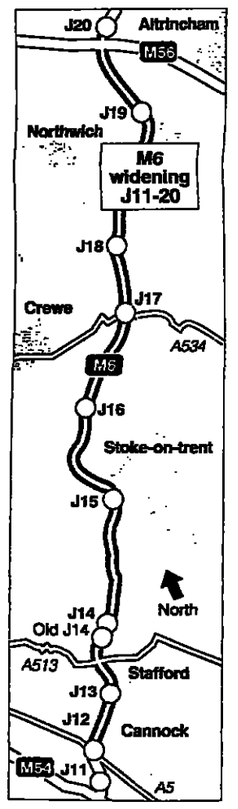
Eventually, it will link up with the proposed £300 million Birmingham northern relief road, which is being designed as Britain's first toll motorway, where lorries will be charged up to £3 for a one-way journey. The M6 widening will be covered by two schemes, the first from Saredon where the Birmingham relief road will join the M6 to junction 16 and then to junction 20 at Lymm in Cheshire.

Mr Key said it was vital for motorists, the towns of Staffordshire and Cheshire and the economic well-being of the country that the M6 be able to cope with extra demand. "It is not just motorists who will benefit. Just keeping traffic flowing freely means an actual reduction in pollution levels. This has local and global impliations for the environment," he said.

Mr Key said the widening would be accompanied by a screening and tree-planting programme. He said the adoption of a parallel widening technique would enable the work to be completed with as little disruption as possible.

Parallel widening techniques will allow redundant lanes from the existing road to be available for emergency vehicles. They could also be used to keep traffic flowing smoothly during maintenance work.

"This innovative idea could save lives by making it easier for emergency vehicles to get to the scene of an accident," Mr Key said. "This scheme will boost Manchester's Olympic bid. Better roads will make it easier for sports fans to get to Manchester."



Air cadet tells how she survived crash

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A SURVIVOR of last week's helicopter crash in Snowdonia, who saw three teenage friends die, yesterday told how air cadet training had saved her life.

Speaking from her hospital bed, Sarah Coker, 16, said: "I just told myself to calm down and remember the right things to do. It's just as well, because I didn't have time to take a breath of air."

Three cadets died when the Wessex helicopter they were in crashed into a lake and sank. RAF investigators are working on the theory that the aircraft's tail rotor failed.

The accident occurred at Llyn Padarn during an Air Training Corps summer camp at RAF Valley, Anglesey. All the cadets, including the three victims, Mark Oakden, 16, Christopher Bailey, 15, and Amanda Whitehead, 17, Miss Coker's best friend, were with the East Lancashire Regiment.

Miss Coker, whose back is broken in three places, said: "I remember the rear propellor suddenly stopping. Then the engine stopped and we started spinning downwards. Before anyone could do anything we had crashed into the lake. I managed to get the seatbelt off, but by this time there was all this black water gushing in through the door. I couldn't see anything and couldn't breathe. I remember feeling around for the door and not being able to find it."

Miss Coker, from Bury, Greater Manchester, managed to crawl free and swim to the surface. "There was no chance to see what had happened to any of the others. Somebody grabbed me by the collar. I must have passed out at that time because the next thing I remember is lying on the shore."

An RAF spokesman said last night that Wessex helicopters had been grounded for all but essential flights until the cause of the accident was identified.

Coker: no time to take a breath

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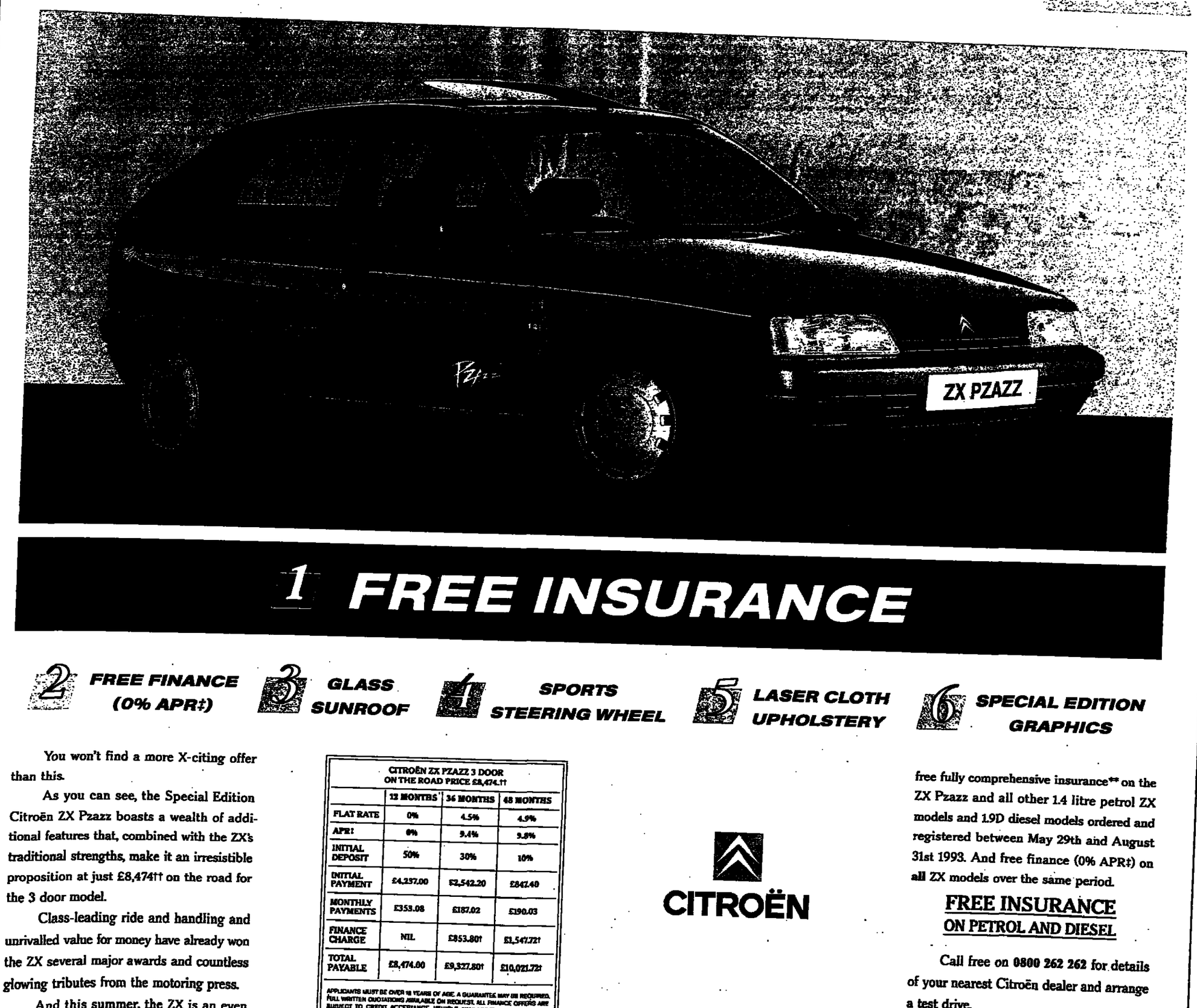

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Heart specialist defends decision on smoker who died

By Paul Wilkinson and Nigel Hawkes

■ The cardiologist who refused treatment to a smoker who then died says he had no idea that the man's life was at risk

THE heart specialist who refused to see a smoker who later died from a heart attack, yesterday defended his actions and won general support from medical organisations.

Colin Bray said he did not regret the decision of Wythenshawe hospital, Manchester, where he is a consultant cardiologist, to refuse tests for Harry Elphick, 47, who had already had one attack. He wrote to Mr Elphick in April explaining the hospital's policy of not treating heavy smokers except in emergencies.

Mr Elphick had succeeded in giving up smoking and was at his GP's surgery last Friday trying to arrange a fresh appointment for the tests when he had a second heart attack and died. His widow Pat, 43, of Moston, Manchester, said her husband would still be alive had he been treated straight after his first heart attack. "It shouldn't have mattered whether he smoked or not, he should have been given treatment. It is wrong and quite disgusting," she said.

Dr Bray said yesterday: "We were not anticipating that he would have died. We do not withhold surgical treatment if appropriate for patients who are in an urgent situation. We didn't have any information from his local physician that he was in that category."

Dr Bray's stand gained support from the British Cardiac Society and the British Medical Association, though neither would comment on the specific case.

John Parker, president of the British Cardiac Society, said that the society's policy guidelines made clear that systematic denial of treatment to smokers could not be justified. But in individual cases, it was up to physicians and surgeons to determine whether tests or operations would be of benefit and to advise the patient on reducing risks, such as stopping smoking. Such recommendations, the guidelines say, "form an essential part of clinical management and their implementation may be necessary before invasive treatment is undertaken".

The BMA said that "the best possible management" was to advise the individual to give up smoking and provide interim medical treatment. The patient should then be reassessed six to eight weeks later, when the damaging effects of smoking on blood clotting have receded. Both the BMA and the society said that emergency cases, where there was no time for the patient to change habits, were an exception and an operation might then be considered.

It is by no means certain that a heart bypass would have prolonged Mr Elphick's life. The evidence is that such operations relieve pain but do not increase life expectancy. "Patients who continue to smoke after surgery don't have any survival benefits," Dr Bray said. "They don't live any longer than if they haven't had an operation."

"The best thing for patients who smoke is to stop smoking. We don't have anything as effective at reducing risk as simply stopping smoking."

Alison Ryan, chairman of the South Manchester Community Health Council, criticised Dr Bray's stand. She said: "It should not be up to individual doctors whether patients should be treated. There should be a national policy set down by the Department of Health. If we are going to have a policy to deny people treatment on the NHS because of their lifestyle that has to be a decision made by politicians, not local doctors."

Alf Morris, Labour MP for Wythenshawe, said he had written to Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, asking for an urgent statement on the case. "If you lack enough resources to deal with all people seeking medical treatment, you are left to pick and choose," he said.

David Blunkett, shadow health secretary, said the case illustrated the "stupidity" of a government that refused to ban tobacco advertising but blamed the individual for not giving up smoking.

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Second travel firm offers price cuts

By Marianne Curphey

PACKAGE holidays will be up to 10 per cent cheaper next year as tour operators attempt to exploit what they see as the end of the travel industry's recession.

In the most aggressive marketing campaign for ten years, the UK's biggest tour operator, Thomson, announced yesterday it was streamlining its business and taking £60 million off this year's brochure prices.

The company admitted that last year it "blew it" by over-pricing its holidays, and its share of the early booking market slumped. This year it is trying to increase its share to at least half the number sold.

Thomson said the price of a holiday in Spain would be reduced 10 per cent and in Florida by about 5 per cent. The cuts will mean savings of up to £144 per person or £440 for a family of four. The company will also offer thousands of free holidays for children in a attempt to protect its third of next year's estimated 8.5 million British holidaymakers.

Thomson's reductions followed Monday's announcement by rival company Thomas Cook that also promised 10 per cent discounts for early bookers.

Both companies are launching high-profile advertising campaigns this week to win customers booking between September and the end of the year.

Thomson's managing director, Charles Newbold, said: "The early booking market is very important and we want to increase our share from 33 per cent this year to 50 per cent next year. We got our prices wrong in 1993 and blew it.

"Our share of the early-booking market was down on our average of 40 per cent. We want to win half of the two million bookings that will be made before the end of the year."

Thomson's other rivals, Airtours and Owners Abroad, are also expected to announce price reductions.

The battle for holiday market share is being played out against a backdrop of increasing confidence in the travel business. It has emerged well from the recession with eight million people expected to take a summer package this year — a figure not achieved since the late 1980s.

Asked if a price war was imminent, Mr Newbold said: "I would not say I would be happy with a price war, but you can't stay out of it. We have always kept an eye on our competitors and we shall continue to do so."

Stewart Granger — swashbuckler who became bored

The Briton picked and dropped by Hollywood

By David Robinson

FOR American stars, from the 1920s to the 1950s, the British studios were a graveyard of the washed-up. For British stars, quite the contrary: Hollywood was Valhalla, though sometimes it, too, turned out to be more of a graveyard.

Stewart Granger, who died aged 80 at Santa Monica, California, on Monday, went to Hollywood in the wake of the post-war peak of commercial and critical success of British movies, which had thrown up a slew of stars of international calibre.

There had been Charles Laughton and Maureen O'Hara, who played in *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* and never left. In 1939 Vivien Leigh landed the most coveted part in the history of Hollywood, as Scarlett O'Hara. Elizabeth Taylor came in 1942, at the age of ten, and had her first success in *Lassie Comes Home*.

Although Britain has given Hollywood only four undisputed superstars — Chaplin, Elizabeth Taylor, Richard Burton and Sean Connery (with Julie Andrews running close) — over the years the successive waves of migration provided a surprising number of names enshrined in Hollywood myth. Granger was one of them.

There was also Angela Lansbury, who arrived in America in 1945. Rex Harrison landed his first Hollywood contract with 20th Century Fox in 1946. Granger's more gifted contemporary, James Mason, with whom he had been jockeying for roles in Britain, arrived in 1949, and was never to return to Britain. Another arrival at this time was Deborah Kerr, who was to be Granger's leading lady in *King Solomon's Mines*. Audrey Hepburn, another star who began in English films, found Hollywood stardom in 1953 with *Roman Holiday*.

Granger signed a seven-year contract with MGM at the end of the forties. None of the dozen films he made at the studio matched up to his first success with *King Solomon's Mines*; and the Hollywood pictures for which he is best remembered were remakes of hoary swashbucklers, like *Scaramouche* and *The Prisoner of Zenda*, in which he wielded a rapier manfully and wore lacy costumes with less embarrassment than the run of Hollywood actors.

He played in a couple of Westerns, *The Last Hunt* and *Gun Glory*, but his best MGM films were *Bhowani Junction* and Fritz Lang's *Moonfleet*, which, ironically, the studio despised and released as a second feature.

When his contract was not renewed in 1958 the official reason was that Granger was holding out for too much money; but there was evidently little reason for MGM to continue the association. Granger's own career never really picked up again after Hollywood, although he always insisted that the decline was probably a result of his own boredom with the business.

Even by the time Granger arrived in Hollywood, Jean Simmons, his new wife, was a hotter property than he would ever be. She, however, was involved in contractual entanglements, since Rank had sold their contract with her to RKO. Not until 1953 was she able to play opposite Granger, in *Young Bess*, and it was several years more before she signed with MGM, which nurtured a Hollywood career that eclipsed that of her husband, from whom she was divorced in 1960, to marry Richard Brooks, who had directed her in *Elmer Gantry*. Jessie Matthews, Gracie Fields and Diana Dors were examples of major British stars whose attempts at Hollywood careers failed miserably. And Hollywood failure seemed always to taint subsequent professional fortunes at home. Granger and Simmons really belonged to the last generation of studio contract stars who benefited from the publicity machinery that the studio system had evolved to groom and promote them.

Perhaps it is this lack of support more than anything else that explains the number of gifted and charismatic latter-day British actors — Albert Finney, Malcolm McDowell, Richard Harris, even Michael Caine — whose Hollywood careers have generally fallen short of sustaining the sort of star status finally missed by Granger, achieved by Connery and promised by Kenneth Branagh.

Scenes from a life: top, dashing in *Scaramouche*; left, with his second wife Jean Simmons; and, right, in 1987

'Successive waves of migration provided a surprising number of names enshrined in Hollywood myth. Granger was one'

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Philip Knight hanged himself in prison, aged 15

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Guidance urged on sentencing reforms

By Frances Gibb, Legal Correspondent

THE Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, is under pressure to issue early guidelines to ensure consistent sentencing by judges and magistrates in the wake of the revamped criminal justice laws.

Penal reformers predict problems as courts struggle to cope with what they say is an ill-defined new sentencing framework, which came into force this week and which follows the government's spectacular change of policy over the Criminal Justice Act 1991.

Paul Cavadino, of the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders, said that without such guidelines there was the prospect of widespread inconsistencies in sentencing.

"The new legislation is even more vague than the original," he said. "That act stated clearly that an offence could not be regarded as more serious because of an offender's previous convictions.

"The new laws allow a court to take into account any previous convictions of the offender when considering the seriousness of the offence. But it remains unclear in what circumstances courts can legitimately increase a sentence because of previous convictions. That's why guidance is needed."

Guidelines were needed from Lord Taylor both for Crown Court judges and for magistrates. In addition, Mr Cavadino said, the Magistrates' Association itself needed swiftly to bring out guidance to benches on sentencing in the wake of the now-discarded means-related system of fines.

Mr Cavadino said: "The new legislation on this is again extremely vague. It says first that the size of the fine must reflect the seriousness of the offence and that second, in fixing the amount of the fine, the courts should take into account the financial circumstances of the offender."

The Criminal Justice Act 1991, which was hailed as the centrepiece of government sentencing policy when it came into force last October, prompted unprecedented criticism during its seven-month life.

In a dramatic U-turn, the government announced it was scrapping the rigid unit fines scheme, although courts would still be free to increase a fine to take account of an offender's means. At the same time, it said it would amend the legislation so courts were free to take account of an offender's previous convictions considered relevant, as well as all offences before them and not just one and one other associated with it.

But the speed with which the legislation has been rushed through has left little time for courts to prepare themselves.

Lord Taylor: called on to show the way

Actors in arms: Julie Walters and Jim Broadbent

BBC calls up stars for bloody battle with ITV

By Alexandra Frean, Media Correspondent

THE BBC has unveiled a £12 million package of nine films to beat off stiff competition from ITV on Sunday nights in the autumn season, the traditional battlefield for television drama.

The corporation also hopes that the line-up of BBC1's autumn Screen One season, which includes performances by Sir Alec Guinness, Lauren Bacall, David Jason, Julie Walters and Dawn French, will also lay to rest criticism of its dramatic output.

Richard Broke, executive producer of BBC1 films, said he was expecting a "bloody battle" between the BBC and ITV for Sunday evening viewers.

ITV has had a number of recent popular drama successes, such as *Inspector Morse*, starring John Thaw, but the BBC has suffered a number of highly-publicised flops, notably *A Year in Provence*, also featuring Mr Thaw.

Mr Broke described the new season as the corporation's most prestigious ever. The season includes *A Foreign Field*, a comedy about British and American war veterans, starring Sir Alec Guinness, Jeanne Moreau, Lauren Bacall, Geraldine Chaplin and Leo McKern.

Julie Walters plays in two of the nine films, first as a sufferer of ME, also known as yuppie flu, in *Wide-Eyed & Legless*, and later in a Christmas special *Bambino Mio*, about the adoption of a baby from the Third World.

David Jason stars as a docker in wartime Liverpool in *The Bullion Boys*. Dawn French plays her first non-comic role in *Tender Loving Care*, about a night nurse in a hospital who helps her patients to die.

Women to get TV channel

By Alexandra Frean, Media Correspondent

AN ambitious attempt to transfer the successful format of women's magazines to the small screen will be launched next month when UK Living, the first television channel aimed specifically at the female market, will go on air.

Promising to provide a mixture of "reality and romance", the new station will be available on satellite and cable television from September 1 as part of a new multi-channel package of 14 paid-for services offered by BSkyB, which is 50 per cent controlled by News Corporation, owner of *The Times*'s parent company, News International.

Based on the formula of women's magazines such as *Woman's Own*, *Bella*, *Take a Break* and *Best*, the new station will provide programmes on cookery, beauty, health, leisure and work, as well as a daily one-hour agony aunt slot, a horoscope and celebrity interviews. It will produce two and a half hours of original programming a day — more than any other satellite channel in the UK — aimed primarily at women aged 25 to 45 in the C and D socio-economic groups.

With more than three million women in Britain who have access to satellite and cable and who fall into the station's age and economic target groups, the potential market is substantial. UK Living's backers — Thames Television (part of the Pearson media empire), and two American television companies, Cox Enterprises, and Tele-Communications Inc — have indicated that they do not expect a return on their £28 million investment for three years.

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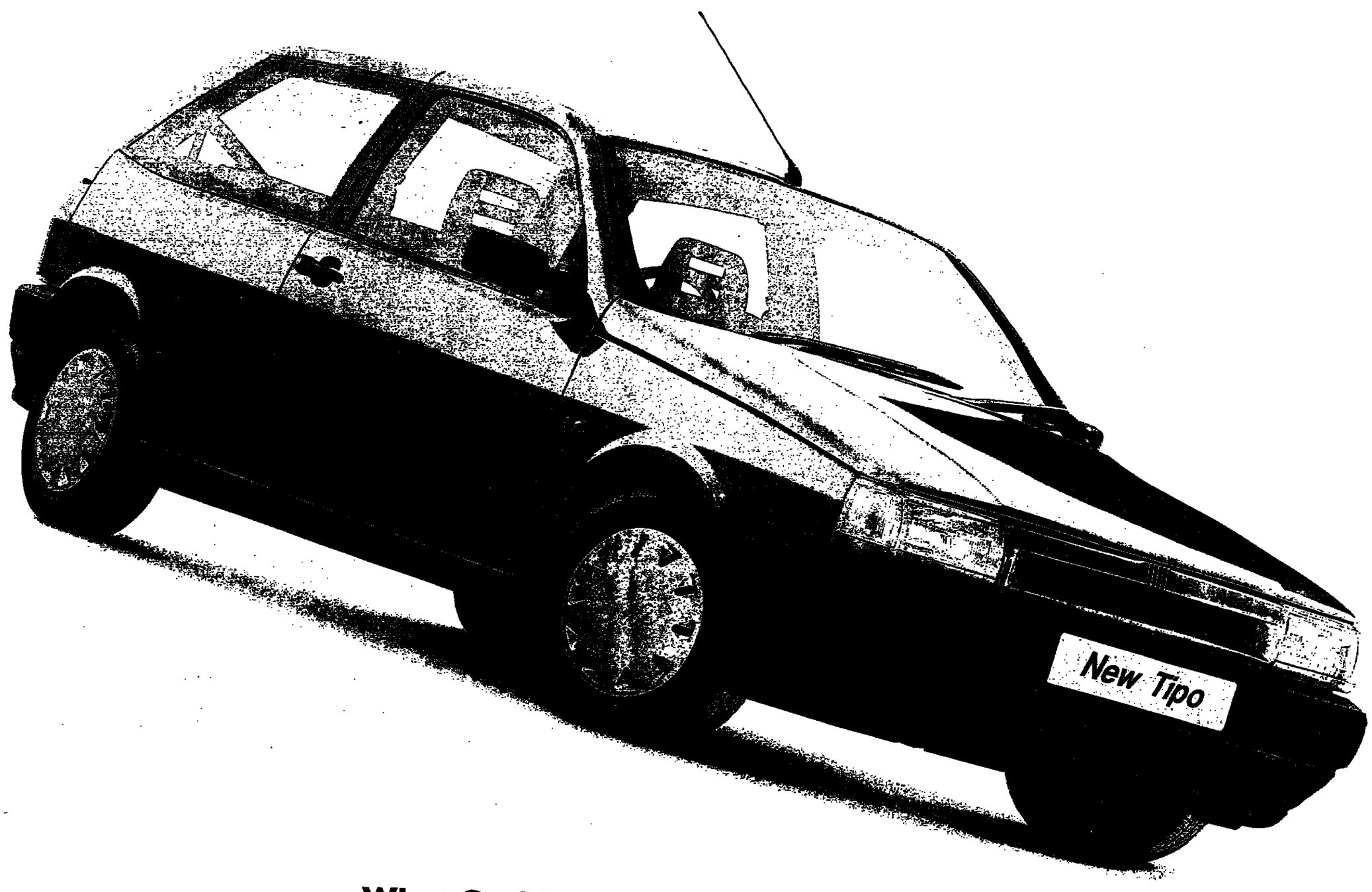

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Farmers turn conservation into a cash crop

By Michael Hornsby
Countryside Correspondent

JOHN JENNINGS

Water ways: a government compensation scheme is turning back the clock on the Somerset Levels, ensuring a future for migratory waders and threatened wetland plants

WATERFOWL are returning in greater numbers to one of Britain's most important wetlands, the mist-wreathed Somerset Levels and moors, where farmers and conservationists have called a truce after more than a decade of conflict.

The old enemies are trying to work together in an experiment seen as a test of the government's policy of offering farmers financial inducements to manage their land in ways that are more in harmony with nature.

The Levels, formed where eight rivers meander towards the Bristol Channel between the Mendips and the Quantocks, consist of 250 square miles of marshy meadowland threaded with ditches and lines of pollarded willows and alders. Villages of grey and yellow limestone huddle on patches of higher ground.

Archaeologists have uncovered the remains of wooden walkways thought to have been used 6,000 years ago by nomadic people who moved into the marshes in the drier summer months. In the past farmers had little choice but to follow a similar seasonal cycle. This allowed the summer grazing of cattle to co-exist with shallow flooding during winter and spring — ideal conditions for migratory wildfowl and wading birds that spend the winter on the Levels or nest and breed there in the summer.

The post-war drive to maximise food output, aided by modern drainage systems, upset that balance. With high-powered pumps it became possible to drain off winter floods in a few days. Sheep could be grazed in winter and cattle put out to pasture sooner in the spring. Water meadows could be drained and ploughed for crops or sown with nutrient-rich rye grass that fattens animals faster but crowds out other plants.

Between 1977 and 1987 the number of breeding waders, such as lapwing, snipe, redshank, curlew and black-tailed godwit, fell by half according to the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), records. Botanists reported that typical wetland flowers were becoming rarer.

Attempts in the early 1980s to halt the drying out of the Levels by declaring large areas to be sites of special scientific interest (ESA) and imposing land-management restrictions on farmers caused riots, at which conservation officials were burnt in effigy.

FARMING AND THE COUNTRYSIDE

In 1987 much of the central part of the moors, covering some 68,000 acres, was proclaimed an ESA, one of the first five such zones to be designated in England. Since then about half the 1,750 farmers there have agreed to accept grants to farm more sensitively, but until the beginning of last year these payments were not linked to high water levels.

John Jennings, of Manor Farm at Muchelney on Wet Moor, is one of a small number of farmers now getting £140 an acre a year, the highest payment on offer under the new scheme, in return for allowing their land to be flooded through the winter and kept moist in summer. Cattle can be grazed only between May 20 and November 30 and at a stocking rate of no more than 1.8 animals to the acre before July 8. Sheep are taboo because they crop the grass too closely and churn up the soft turf. Early cutting of grass for silage is banned and haymaking permissible only between July 8 and the end of August. Fertiliser is limited to ten tons of cattle dung an acre a year.

"I suppose you could say we are putting the clock back, but life is certainly much less stressful," Mr Jennings said. "Conservation has become a kind of crop." Mr Jennings admits that his reasons for going into the ESA scheme were mainly economic. "I was doubtful about the future of the market for beef and thought the conservation grants would give me a more secure income," he said.

Water levels are determined by pumps and sluices controlled by the National Rivers Authority (NRA) in co-operation with local drainage boards, which are dominated by farmers. Mr Jennings was able to opt for the high-water regime only because most of his neighbours were prepared to join him. The NRA is hoping that enough volunteers will come forward elsewhere to permit the creation of high-water blocks of at least 500 acres on each of eight moors of special importance for bird populations over the next five years. So far this has been achieved only on Wet Moor, but smaller blocks exist on five other moors.

Winter flooding is now guaranteed on two and a half square miles, which includes 400 acres managed by the RSPB on west Sedgemoor. Some 50,000 waterfowl flocked to this reserve last winter, the highest number recorded. Between 100 and 200 Bewick's swans, rare migrants from Siberia, were seen on Wet Moor, far more than in any recent year.

"There is no doubt that we are seeing results where water is higher," Mark Robbins, the RSPB's local conservation officer, said. "The crux is whether the voluntary approach can be the whole answer. On North Moor, which has lost four-fifths of its breeding waders over the past ten years, no farmers have responded."

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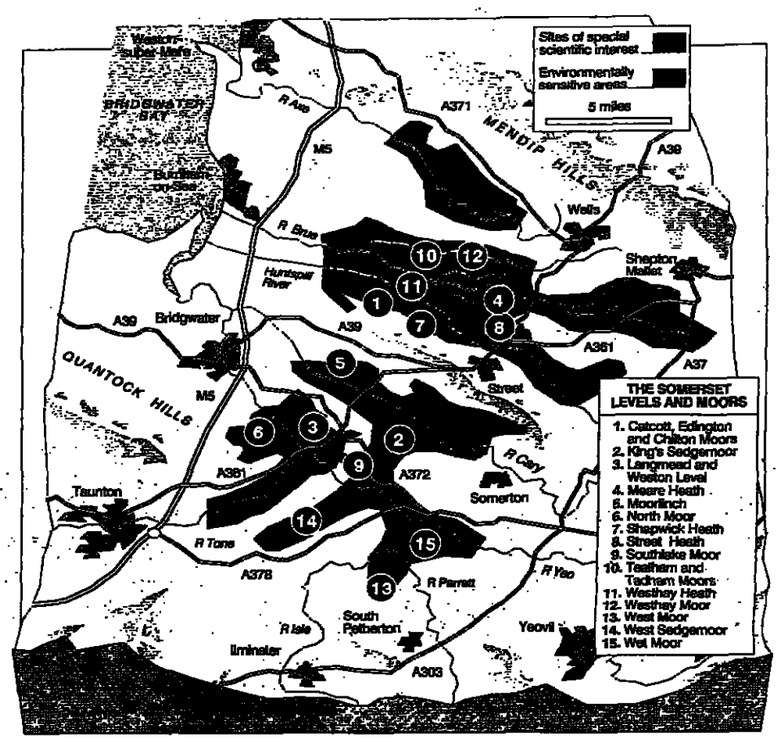

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mother killed by iron

A woman died after being electrocuted while ironing clothes at her home in Romsey, Hampshire.

Bridget Harding-Jones was found unconscious on the floor of the utility room. Her husband, Dr Peter Jones, 41, gave her the kiss of life, but efforts to save the 37-year-old mother of four failed.

Dr Harding-Jones is head of environmental research and a member of the board of directors at Rechem International's chemical waste disposal plant in Fawley, Hampshire. Ian Brown, a company spokesman, said: "He has not been able to speak to anyone about what has happened because he is so distressed. Everybody's thoughts are with him."

Birthday hoax

Jason McDaid, an Irishman of East Dulwich, southeast London, who celebrated his 19th birthday by making two early-morning hoax bomb calls was warned that he faced a custodial sentence by Camberwell magistrates. McDaid, who admitted making the calls, was remanded in custody for reports.

Appeal fails

A window cleaner who broke into 33 country houses around Oxford, stealing antiques worth £400,000, had his four-and-a-half-year jail sentence upheld at the appeal court in London. Philip Ciampoli, 41, of Lower Radley, Oxford, was jailed last year after admitting eight burglaries.

Bard abroad

The newest Bard of the Cornish Gorsedd is Leona Machackova, who has been elected for proficiency in the ancient Cornish language, which she has studied by post from her home in Prague, Czechoslovakia, for the past six years.

Leg stolen

Thieves have stolen a handicapped baby's artificial leg, toys, medical records and specially adapted pushchair. Jamie Jeffrey, 15 months, is cared for by his grandmother Susan Jeffrey, in Middlesbrough, Cleveland.

Drug Menace

Drugs dealers are luring youngsters by selling cut-price LSD with pictures of comic characters such as Dennis the Menace drawn on the hallucinogenic tabs, say West Midlands police.

BR relents

British Rail has backed down on plans to charge the equivalent of a child's fare to people carrying large musical instruments on trains. The maximum charge will now be £8 for a return journey.

999 crash

Pamela Estdale, 62, from Pannal, north Yorkshire, died after her car and a fire engine on an emergency call collided. The 999 call, from an old people's home, was a false alarm.

THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

British championship

INTERNATIONAL master Chris Ward put himself in a strong position in last week's British championship by winning the following game against fellow contender Andrew Webster. White gets tangled up on the kingside and Black's pieces land some powerful long-range blows.

White: Andrew Webster
Black: Chris Ward
British Championship, Dundee 1993

Queen's Indian Defence

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2	d4	Bb7
3	Nc3	Nf6
4	Nf3	d5
5	cxd5	Nxd5
6	e4	Nxc3
7	bxc3	e6
8	Nf3	Be7
9	Bb5+	c6
10	Be2	0-0
11	Be3	Nd7
12	Rd1	Qc7
13	0-0	c5
14	d5	exd5
15	exd5	Bd6
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23	f3	Qf5
24	Bd3	Qd7
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26	Rxe1	Rxe1+
27	Qxe1	Qe8+
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29	a5	bxa5
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31	Nf3	Qc8
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33	Qxa4	Bg4
34	Kg2	Qd7
35	Qa6	Qe7
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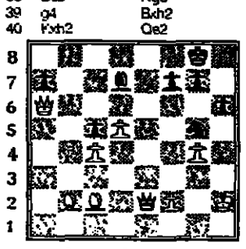

White resigns

FIDE candidates' matches

The line-up for the first knock-out stage of FIDE's version of the World Chess Championship is as follows:
Boris Gelfand (Belorussia) v Michael Adams (England); Vladimir Kramnik (Russia) v Lev Yudasin (Israel); Valery Salov (Russia) v Alexander Khalifman (Germany); Gata Kamsky (USA) v Paul van der Sterren (Holland); Vishy Anand (India) v Artur Yusupov (Russia); Joel Lautier (France) v the loser of the Karpov-Timman match.

The matches will be played in Wijk aan Zee, Holland in January 1994. The PCA version of the interzonal will be held in Groningen, Holland in December 1993.

Lloyds Bank masters

This event, organised by Stewart Reuben and the London Chess Association, starts on Saturday, August 21 and runs to Monday, August 30. The venue is the Cumberland Hotel, Marble Arch, London W1. Lloyds Bank is Britain's strongest open tournament and features a host of grandmasters and international masters.

Previous winners include Jon Speelman, Alexei Shirov, Alexander Beliavsky, John Nunn and myself. The tournament opens at 12.45. Spectators are welcome. For advance information ring David Sedgwick on 081 656 7682.

World championship

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Chess for charity

For information about charity events during the championship, or if you have any creativesuggestions for staging such events, ring 071 405 8214.

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ENCOUNTERS OF A CHESS KIND

THE best excuse anyone ever had for losing a chess game fell to William Golding, the writer. In 1983, the author of *Lord of the Flies* was in the middle of a difficult Evans Gambit in a correspondence game with Anthony Curtis, the literary editor of the *Financial Times*, when the news of his Nobel prize came through. Understandably agitated, he mailed off an inaccuracy.

When he was 15, Tolstoy played against Turgenev. As a young officer he was jailed for playing chess when he should have been on guard duty. Later, he took up the game again enthusiastically and became an ingenious tactical player.

Arthur Ransome was a good player and earns a place in chess history for an odd juxtaposition: the author of *Swallows and Amazons* once played against Lenin.

Another Nobel laureate, Samuel Beckett, played for Trinity College, Dublin, as a student. Later, in Paris, he played many games with Marcel Duchamp. They were obsessed with endings and their encounters are supposed to have inspired the play, *Endgame*.

☐ Extracted from *The Even More Complete Chess Addict*, by Mike Foax and Richard James (Faber).

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League sets out to clear Reynard's name

By Our Countryside Correspondent

FOXES are the victims of malicious propaganda which, according to anti-blood sports campaigners, unfairly portrays them as vicious predators picking on lambs, poultry and other farm animals.

John Bryant, wildlife officer for the League Against Cruel Sports, said yesterday that badgers and otters had been similarly misrepresented in the 1960s and 1970s by their hunters. "Now everyone accepts that badgers and otters were falsely accused and they are protected.".

Speaking at the launch of a booklet to "combat the lies, myths and ignorance which are subverting efforts to protect foxes from persecution", Mr Bryant said: "The cruelty and death meted out to foxes in their tens of thousands cannot be justified."

In the booklet, Stephen Harris, an expert on mammals, says that most lambs killed by foxes were "weak and probably unlikely to survive anyway".

John Barrington, a Scottish shepherd, claims that foxes kill lambs rarely and help to preserve grass for sheep by preying on voles and other small grazing rodents. He writes: "Voles can often occur at a density of 100 per acre. At this rate they will remove more than two tons of grass from every acre of pasture."

These views do not impress the British Field Sports Society. Peter Voute, public relations director, said yesterday that it was well established that foxes were pests. At least two-thirds of sheep farmers operated some form of control and there were many documented cases of foxes killing poultry and piglets.

The league estimates that 20,000 foxes are killed every year in traditional fox hunts, 25,000 are dug out and killed by terrier men and fox destruction clubs, 50,000 are caught and die in wire snares and up to 200,000 are shot or run over.

The field sports society said the figures undermined the league's own case: it was because they were so widely perceived to be pests that so many foxes were killed.

☐ *The Red Fox, Friend or Foe?* Available from the League Against Cruel Sports, 83-87 Union Street, London SE1 1SG. Tel: 071-407 0979.

Swindler Guppy is granted day leave

By Bill Frost

DARIUS Guppy, the Old Etonian sentenced to five years for his part in a £1.8 million gem swindle, has spent five days out of jail, including an overnight stay at his London home, the prison service disclosed yesterday.

Guppy, best man at the wedding of the Princess of Wales's brother Earl Spencer, was jailed last March and fined £533,000 for his part in a conspiracy to defraud Lloyd's of London by staging a fake gems robbery in New York.

He has been photographed by national newspapers visiting country hotels for meals with his wife, Patricia, recently and travelling to London to visit her and their two-month-old daughter, Isabella.

The prison service confirmed yesterday that Guppy had been transferred to Standford Hill open prison on the Isle of Sheppey in Kent in June after short stays in Wandsworth prison in southwest London and Kirkham open prison in Preston, Lancashire.

"All prisoners in open conditions are eligible for town visits once a month after they have completed 28 days satisfactorily. Mr Guppy had his first visit on July 11, his second on August 15 and is likely to have another visit in September," said a spokesman.

"Mr Guppy has also had three days' temporary leave for legal purposes. He was granted these after satisfying the governor that the legal issues that required his attention could not be dealt with inside the prison."

The spokesman admitted it was unusual for a prisoner to be allowed out overnight, but "not impossible, especially if solicitors ask for it and it is seen to be safe".

Guppy was apparently allowed the overnight visit on the condition that he stayed at his home in Fulham, southwest London, for a conference with his solicitors.

Judge Brooks, passing sentence after his trial, said he believed Guppy still had access to "ill-gotten gains".

Custom and practice at Standford Hill were called into question earlier this month with the flight of a Turkish Cypriot businessman, Gultekin Ben, jailed for five years for his part in a £12.5 million VAT fraud, left the country after being allowed out for a five-hour home visit.

Harry Travers, Guppy's solicitor, confirmed yesterday that he met his client in London last week. "Mr Guppy has received no more and no less than any other prisoner at Standford Hill," he said. "If anything, he has received less because the prison authorities are extremely careful to make sure he does not receive more than any other person."

As more people holiday at home, The Times takes a wry look at their favourite resorts

Aldeburgh

Famous for? Benjamin Britten, Peter Pears and the festival, fish, fishermen, reed marshes, shingle, boats.

So, "Hallo sailor" is a customary greeting? Indeed, it covers practically every social situation.

Appearance? Grand villas and quaint little terraces, plenty of pubs serving fine Suffolk ales, comfortable old seafront hotels, golf club, definitely no amusement arcades, illuminations or burger bars.

Best time to visit? Not during festival fortnight in mid-June, when the High Street is full of music critics and earnest German composers.

Won't I miss all the music if I miss the festival? Not at all. The superb Snape Maltings Concert Hall, four miles inland, has concerts all year. It is also the home of the Britten-Pears Music School.

Best place to eat? The fish and chip shop, possibly the finest on the East Coast, but be prepared to queue.

Can I buy fish anywhere else? Certainly. The connoisseurs go straight to the fishermen in their little huts on the shingle. But that means you have to cook it yourself.

What should I not call an Aldeburgh fisherman, even in jest? Peter Grimes.

Who? The brutal protagonist of George Crabbe's early 19th-century poem about Aldeburgh called *The Borough*: a sadistic fisherman whose apprentices mysteriously disappeared, and who was subsequently hounded to death by the villagers. Britten based his first opera on the poem.

Place that the music fans most want to see? The Red House, next to the golf course, where Britten and Pears lived. It is said that, during the 1960s heyday of the Aldeburgh Festival, musicians who did not meet Britten's exacting standards were ferried at dawn across the golf course and out of Aldeburgh, never to be invited back.

Place that the non-musical most want to see? The ancient Moot Hall, once the centre of medieval Aldeburgh, but now perched precariously close to the sea — which may be expected to swallow a great deal more of Aldeburgh in the next 200 years.

Place that nobody wants to see? The Sizewell B nuclear reactor, just up the coast. Unfortunately, you can see it from practically everywhere. At night, it casts an exciting glow on the horizon.

Nearby attractions? Thorpeness, an eccentric holiday village two miles up the coast, with every house built in a different, fake architectural pastiche, and a jolly boating lake: Framlingham, with its magnificent castle: Orford, across the river, with a splendid church, great sailing and flavoursome seafood, and Southwold, which has a lighthouse in the middle of the town.

What would most improve Aldeburgh? Resurrecting the railway station, axed by Beeching. On public transport it can take the best part of a day to travel the 100 miles to London.

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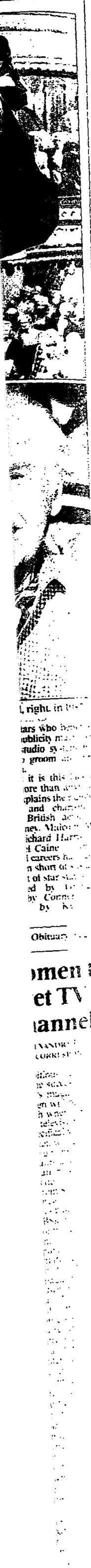

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Sevastopol honours British dead of Balaclava at last

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN SEVASTOPOL

BENEATH the wide undulating plains around Sevastopol, the British soldiers who died for the sake of salvaging the leftovers of the Ottoman empire in the Crimean war lie uncommemorated.

The victims of Lord Cardigan's famous incompetence, the Charge of the Light Brigade at Balaclava may have been immortalised in verse by Tennyson, but their graves were razed on Khrushchev's orders in 1958 along with the stones in the hillside British burial ground.

This will change next month when the city's authorities, aided by the British embassy in Kiev, will unveil a hillside monument and garden in memory of the war dead. Valeri Ivanov, a former colonel in the Soviet army who is in charge of co-ordinating the project, has also set up a museum in the former Palace of Pioneers, overlooking the bay from which British ships blasted the city so thoroughly during the 1854-5 siege that only 14 buildings were intact in the centre at the end of it.

A Crimean war enthusiast, Mr Ivanov said that the project is intended to atone for Khrushchev's treatment of the war graves and remind the region's mixed Russian and Ukrainian population of the "terrible destruction which can be unleashed when nations struggle with each other for power.

"Khrushchev wanted to celebrate only Russian victories. Even a nineteenth-century defeat was seen as a bad omen," he said. All later attempts to commemorate the British deaths foundered on the spurious Soviet insistence that they could no longer locate the graves.

Sevastopol's sole public aide-memoire to the existence of the Crimean war was a panorama completed in 1905 and showing the British and French storming the city in the summer of 1855. It was garlanded with the title "City of Heroes" after it withstood the nine-month siege of the second world war. The authorities concentrated on celebrating a conflict that showed a mighty Russia repelling a vast enemy rather than remembering the Crimean disaster which had seen it crumble before a foreign foe because of the backwardness of its command and weaponry and its shambolic serf army.

The carnage of the Crimea, however, was well known to Russians through the literary record of the young officer, Lev Nikolayevich Tolstoy, whose unsparing *Sebastopol Sketches* would mature into his greatest work, *War and Peace*. Private exhibitions are still extremely difficult to organise in the former Soviet Union where state museums are reluctant to lend the contents of their cellars and private collectors are traditionally wary of lending artifacts, fearing that the authorities will decide to requisition them or invoke punitive tax laws.

Mr Ivanov, however, is one of those occasional individuals whose obsessive enthusiasm is more effective than a dozen official commissions. With a small team of historians he scoured the old burial sites for fragments of grave stones with which to start his exhibition and begged fellow collectors to donate guns, bullets and other battle memorabilia.

He besieged the Imperial War Museum in London, individual British regiments and and Lloyd's insurers for documentation about the British war effort and proudly displays charts and maps showing the movements of troops and ships, scale models of British, French and Russian positions, reports on the action by *The Times* correspondent William Howard Russell on the state of the campaign.

While the Crimea remembers one great war, the quarrel over the division of the Black Sea fleet and the status of the port risks fomenting fresh conflict. Russian crews recently provoked a sharp Ukrainian response by raising the St Andrew's flag on over 200 vessels and the conservative parliament in Moscow increased the tension by declaring the historically reasonant Crimea to be part of Russia rather than Ukraine.

The Russian Black Sea fleet command, housed in elegant imperial-style buildings overlooking a bay crowded with resting warships and supporting vessels has, according to Captain Andrei Lazebnikov, its spokesman, "virtually no contact" with its Ukrainian opposite number. Joint exercises of the two fleets have stopped.

Like most of the Russians employed in the fleet founded by Catherine the Great, he believes that it should remain undivided and under Russian control. Crimea, however, was ceded by Russia to Ukraine in 1954 under Khrushchev "as a token of the friendship of the Russian people for Ukraine".

The sham of official good will has now ended. "Our two countries are historically friendly," said Captain Lazebnikov. "But let us just say that in this fleet these days, they are not as friendly as they might be."

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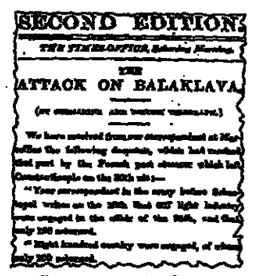
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THE ATTACK ON BALAKLAVA

(BY ELECTRIC AND MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH.)

We have received from our correspondent at Marseilles the following despatch, which had reached that port by the French post steamer which left Constantinople on the 30th ult.—

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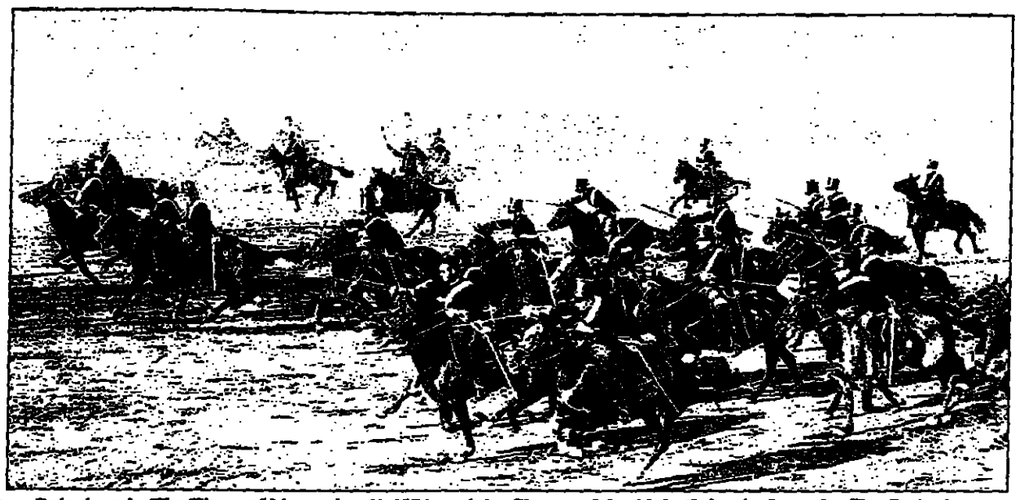
"Eight hundred cavalry were engaged, of which only 200 returned.



Stop press: the first report on Balaclava in *The Times* of November 11, 1854; and the Charge of the Light Brigade, from the film *Balaclava*

Immigration tops Balladur agenda

FROM SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH IN PARIS

JUST when Edouard Balladur, the French prime minister, thought the issue had been settled for good, immigration has re-emerged as a political hot potato. Differences between the centre and the right, now sharing power, are sure to emerge at next Monday's first cabinet meeting after the summer holiday.

Yesterday police in Paris identified the man who jumped to his death off the Pont Neuf into the Seine to avoid an identity check. He was André N'Kala, 24, from Angola, who had overstayed his work permit and feared immediate deportation to his war-torn homeland.

Civil rights groups are gathering today on the river quay where he drowned to protest against new curbs on immigration passed by the national assembly before the summer recess. Parts of the legislation, reflecting the aim of Charles Pasqua, the hardline interior minister, to achieve "zero immigration", were rejected last weekend by the constitutional council, which tests new laws for constitutionality.

The council said elements of the new act were illegal, including the provision allowing mayors to delay or prevent a marriage between a French citizen and a foreigner if he or she suspects it is to be a marriage of convenience. A provision banning foreign students from bringing their spouses or children to France was also deemed illegal. "Students have the right to a normal family life," the council said.

The body also ruled that an automatic, 12-month ban on re-entry of expelled foreigners was too harsh. It ruled, too, that an extension of the present period of detention of foreigners who cannot be repatriated forcibly because they have no identity documents was an infringement of individual liberty.

On television, M Pasqua, himself of Corsican origin, condemned the council's ruling, saying it went against the will of the electorate. He wondered if the council had a political axe to grind, adding: "I claim for my country and the government the right to take the steps needed to protect France from possible migrations, especially from Eastern European countries."

M Pasqua has consistently claimed that his crackdown will not affect those legal immigrants already in France and that his hardline stance is designed to undermine support for Jean-Marie Le Pen's far-right National Front.

However, at the start of the summer, before the controversial bill had even passed through parliament, it had provoked a split in the cabinet. Simone Veil, the health minister, seen by most analysts as the liberal conscience of the Balladur government, and her fellow centrist, Pierre Méhaignerie, the justice minister, wrote to M Balladur complaining that some of its provisions could be seen as racist.

Pasqua: wants to see "zero immigration"

French road-hogs fail test of time

BY SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH

Few of the ten million people destined to be snarled up in traffic jams on France's autoroutes this weekend will daydream of the announcement made a century ago. The bad driving habits of the French were identifiable even then, as the prefect of Paris invented the driving licence in August 1893.

Back then in Britain, a polite, little man with a red flag ran in front of each "horseless carriage" to warn pedestrians; in Paris drivers had already discovered the klaxon, and used it instead. And with an unprecedented 1,000 cars cluttering the streets, Louis Lépine, the prefect, put his foot down.

From that fateful day on, drivers had to satisfy the chief mining engineer, a very important official, that they were over-21 and capable of starting and stopping their engines — because the engineer only rode horses, a more stringent test would have been inappropriate. Successful applicants received a driver's certificate.

M Lépine was also the first official to note publicly another French driving trait: speeding. Tooting their beloved horns, the ancestors of Alain Prost used to rocket through Paris at up to 15mph, until the new limit of seven-and-a-half mph was decreed.

Behind the wheel, the French have consistently proved themselves as the most reckless, bloody-minded and accident-prone in Europe. Last year despite the fact that the autoroutes were blocked by protesting truckers for two of the busiest weeks of the year, there were more than 9,900 traffic deaths, an average of over 27 a day.

However, there are signs of hope. The long-term road death trend is downward: in 1972, 19,000 people died in motor accidents; this year's figure will likely be less than half that total. And the ratio of deaths per kilometre driven has been reduced by 75 per cent.

The authorities announced this week that they were considering a range of new measures, including a three-year probation period for new drivers and a ban on drinking even small amounts of alcohol.

In future years, perhaps, tourists who are rammed from behind will know straight away that they have been selected by pirates, and will not presume that it is just another example of French motorway manners.

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World intensifies the humanitarian effort as warring leaders continue talks

More countries to take war wounded

BY ADAM LEBOR IN GENEVA AND EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

PRESIDENT Izetbegovic of Bosnia and Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, met yesterday for the second day of the resumed Bosnian peace talks in Geneva. Their discussion centred on the future of eastern Bosnia, the scene last year of some of the worst human rights abuses as the Bosnian Serbs mounted their campaign of "ethnic cleansing" against the Muslims and Croats.

At the same time, a working group composed of a Bosnian Serb, a Croat and a Muslim met to discuss the future of the capital, Sarajevo. Negotiators agreed in principle on Monday that the city should be demilitarised and put under temporary United Nations control until a final settlement on its future is reached.

Lord Owen, who with Thorvald Stoltenberg is chairing the peace talks, said that discussions would continue on the future of Sarajevo and that the Bosnian capital might join one of the three republics in the proposed union of a trio of ethnically based states.

Alternatively, he said, it may become a separate province as proposed under the now scrapped Vance-Owen peace plan earlier this year.

Eric Freedlander, a plastic surgeon, and part of a British medical team working in the Muslim enclave of Tuzla, said at a press conference in London — where Médecins sans Frontières appealed for more volunteer medical teams to join their effort in Bosnia — that "people in Tuzla are slowly starving to death".

UN plans to evacuate the sick and wounded continued unabated, however. There are now moves to rescue casualties from wider areas of the republic as fighting eases on some key aid routes and offers of hospital beds abroad continue to flood in.

By yesterday, more than 1,200 offers to evacuate sick and wounded Bosnians had been made by 17 countries, according to Sylvana Foa, of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. The offers were not just for Sarajevo but for all of Bosnia, Ms Foa said in Geneva, and she hoped critically wounded people from across the country could now be moved to Sarajevo and then flown abroad for treatment.

Although fighting between Croat and Muslim forces has intensified in central Bosnia

Foa: 1,200 offers of help for injured received

since Monday, access to many other parts of the country, including vital supply routes into Sarajevo, has greatly improved, according to Ms Foa and peacekeeping troops of the UN Protection Force.

"We need the co-operation of all sides to get the wounded through and international outrage is the best weapon we have to get this," said Ms Foa. "We are now getting regular access to the eastern enclaves. There has been a sea change." The UNHCR has a huge warehouse at Zenica, but have been unable to move supplies from there to Sarajevo because the road has been blocked.

The UN is increasingly concerned about the plight of up to 35,000 Muslims trapped with little food or water in the southwestern city of Mostar. It is considering air drops of relief supplies as a last resort to save lives, because no aid convoys have reached the eastern part of the city for two months.

Andrew McEwan, an anaesthetist, who with two nurses, Georgie Moll and Esther Porter, and James Emerson, a plastic surgeon, made up the volunteer team from Sheffield operating in Tuzla, said they had dealt with 30 cases without the need to isolate people from their families. "Conditions are very difficult and different from what we are used to, but with adaptability and ingenuity things can be done," he said.

Mr McEwan added that their patients, soldiers, civilians and children, all had shrapnel wounds received over some months and were not acute.

Italy, which has upstaged Britain's contribution to Operation Irma by offering to evacuate more than 450 sick and wounded from Sarajevo, expects the airlift to begin within the next ten days. "The first planes carrying patients should arrive in Italy within a week to ten days," Enrico Mara, an Italian doctor sent to Sarajevo on Monday to identify suitable cases or treatments, said yesterday on Italian state radio.

Dr Mara said the choice would be made on the gravity of a patient's condition and the availability of adequate treatment in war-damaged local hospitals. The Italian government said it would evacuate adults and children in an apparent response to the controversy over Britain's emphasis on the photogenic evacuation of sick children from Sarajevo.

Dr Mara said the UN medical committee would be examining 60 requests for evacuation today. "They may not all be accepted but I have reason to believe that at least 10 per cent of these injured are currently in danger of death," he said.

Publio Fiori, the deputy health minister, said Italian hospitals had offered 266 beds for children and 188 for adults. The Italian move would be sufficient to clear the entire United Nations list of sick and wounded waiting to be evacuated from Sarajevo.

About three weeks before five-year-old Irma Hadzimuratovic was flown to London, Italy evacuated eight wounded children from Sarajevo to Rome with little fanfare in the media. "We haven't kept a precise tally of the children we have taken," a foreign ministry spokesman said.

"We didn't think the humanitarian operation should have had such media exposure."

Doctors' protest, page 1

Feeling the strain: Eric Freedlander pleading at the Médecins Sans Frontières conference in London yesterday for help for the starving in Tuzla

News team breaks through red tape to rescue sick boy

BY RICHARD BEESTON IN SARAJEVO AND LIN JENKINS

Damir Sereljic, barred from a life-saving medical evacuation from Sarajevo because he is separated from his parents, is expected to leave for Britain later this week after his father was located in the central Bosnian town of Vitez.

The fate of the ailing Bosnian boy, aged two, who is suffering from a lethal disease that cannot be treated in the Bosnian capital was being decided last night by the United Nation's medical evacuation committee, which was expected to approve his departure to Britain.

He should have left with other injured and sick Bosnian children evacuated on Sunday, but because his parents could not be located he was stranded at Sarajevo's Kosevo Hospital.

Yesterday a news team from ITN located the boy's father, trapped in Vitez. The father gave his consent in a letter which ITN then faxed to the UNHCR in Sarajevo. "I am absolutely delighted, now we can get wheels in motion," said Tony Land, the head of the organisation's Sarajevo operation. Our hands were tied until now. We can't be seen here to be kidnapping children and there are certain procedures we have to go through. But now all we need is clearance and then I think Damir can be moved for the treatment he needs."

Damir was brought to Sarajevo from Vitez in the early days of the war in Bosnia 16 months ago to be treated for a rare condition which attacks vital organs, like the spleen, liver and lungs and can cause terrible skin disease.

At the time the hospital could offer the treatment needed to cure him, but now supplies of the expensive drug needed for the two-year course are unavailable. His case came to the attention of Wing Commander Andy Mitchell, a consultant paediatrician for the RAF inspecting the wards of Sarajevo's hospital.

One boy airlifted from Sarajevo is to undergo open heart surgery. Doctors at Guy's Hospital, London, took the decision yesterday when a balloon-angioplasty operation on Denis Bogdanic, 8, in an attempt to widen the defective aorta valve, failed to work. They had hoped to operate today but a mouth infection will have to be treated first.

Dr Shak Qurershi, consultant paediatric cardiologist, had thought open heart surgery might be necessary after carrying out initial tests. He read about the boy's condition in *The Times* and offered to treat him.

Many of the other six children and 14 adults who arrived on Sunday underwent further tests yesterday to help determind the best method of treatment.

At the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, Senad Mirvic, 27, and Ahdin Dugonjic, 27, who both have severe facial injuries, were "comfortable". Adis Avdic, 5, paralysed in the lower half of his body by a shell, was said to be "doing very well" in John Radcliffe Hospital.

Another youngster Edhem Dedovic, 11, has yet to be told about the loss of his left eye. Doctors at University College Hospital, London, said they wanted him to settle in before breaking the news. In the same hospital Namko Mulamehic, 33, who has compound fractures in both legs and his right foot, was "resting and comfortable". Doctors plan to give him bone grafts.

At King's College Hospital, London, Eldar Kalamujic, at nine months the youngest of the evacuees, who has a liver disease and a blood infection, was said to be "doing well and is stable".

Alen Aganovic, 11, and Admir Bazdarevic, 8, were said to be "settling in well" at Birmingham Children's Hospital. Alen needs surgery to reconstruct his jaw. Admir, who has lost a finger, is likely to be discharged within weeks.

Doctors at St James' in Leeds are treating four men, Slavko Martinovic, 40, Sabahudin Hastor, 23, Nazmija Grobovic, 36, and Zaim Muftic, 28, all of whom were said to be "stable and comfortable" yesterday and undergoing further tests. They all risk losing a limb.

A spokesman for Great Ormond Street Hospital in London said there was no change in the conditions of Belma Salaka, 3, and Irma Hadzimuratovic, 5, who were both being treated for meningitis.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Second UN 'safe area' force being prepared

London: A second United Nations force to protect the designated Muslim "safe areas" in Bosnia is taking shape two months after the security council passed a resolution creating the safety zones (Michael Evans writes).

With the new emphasis on the wounded victims in Sarajevo and contingency planning for possible Nato air strikes, the proposal to create safe areas has been pushed down the priority list. But there is renewed interest in getting the scheme underway.

According to UN sources yesterday, the new force will consist of troops from France, Malaysia, Jordan and Pakistan with a combined unit from Denmark, Norway and Sweden. Finland has committed military equipment.

Arms racket

Panama City: The Panamanian government confirmed that arms traffickers tried to ship millions of dollars of weapons and ammunition from the Czech Republic and Austria to Bosnia using Panama as a bogus destination. The arms were intercepted. *(Reuter)*

Genocide case

The Hague: The International Court of Justice said it would hear conflicting requests by Serbia and Bosnia, each accusing the other of genocide, in the same session next week. A ruling could come in weeks, but a final verdict may take years. *(Reuter)*

Refugee killed

Copenhagen: A Bosnian girl refugee, aged eight, was found murdered at a Danish Red Cross Centre in Jutland. A mentally retarded Dane has been charged. The girl was found stabbed to death in a bush near the refugee centre in Ribe. *(Reuter)*

Georgia arrest

Tbilisi: The Georgian authorities have arrested an unnamed young man for killing Fred Woodruff, the American diplomat, earlier this month. The interior ministry said that it believed Woodruff's shooting had been "not intentional". *(Reuter)*

Sikhs guarded

Brussels: Police have given 24-hour protection to sikhs in the eastern Belgian town of St Truiden after youths lobbed petrol bombs into a Sikh home at the weekend. Nobody was hurt. Two youths and an adult have been arrested. *(Reuter)*

Proper pâté

Auch, France: Producers of foie gras are celebrating over new rules that will make it easy from next year for consumers to distinguish the real thing from imitations. Producers can label their products "*appellation d'origine contrôlée*". *(AFP)*

Angry and betrayed youth will make West remember Sarajevo

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

LEAVING behind my car, I make my way through the dusk up the crooked street. There are no shells or firing to be heard. In this darkness, without the noise of machines or the intrusion of electricity, I can imagine I am making my way through a neighbourhood at the turn of the century.

Children roam in pairs and small packs laughing, exploring and poking at one another. Women and men sit quietly talking in darkened doorways and from darkly painted windowsills on to the uneven pavement. In the post-sunset murk, the street is alive with energy, a subdued, mostly quiet kind found in exceedingly hot climates during the evening and night-time hours. The phenomenon here is a product of both heat and siege; people weak after 16-months of one-day-at-a-time survival.

An old woman wearing the garb of Bosnia's few religious Muslims — covered but without the traditional Islamic chador — trudges up one of the many steep inclines, a five-litre plastic bottle of water at the bottom of each of her dragging arms. She may have walked miles with her treasure.

The few parked cars are little more than corpses, tyres flattened by shrapnel, windows blown to pieces, bodywork punctured by scores of holes. The insides have been salvaged by their owners or scavenged by passers by. This is old Sarajevo: most of it built more than a century ago, some of it many hundreds of years before. The houses are short and squat, cool in the summer heat, pushed up to the edge of the street with modest gardens behind. There are red-tiled roofs and cement walls painted beiges, whites, and mustards. For the first time in all those years, the walls are now peppered with shrapnel pockmarks.

EYEWITNESS SARAJEVO

By Joel Brand

A hundred yards from where I have parked the car, stopped by a ditch across the narrow lane, is a brown-haired, five-year-old girl, hands propping up her head in a windowsill six feet from the ground. She has also been watching the activity on the street.

"*Dobro Vecer*," I call to her, bidding "good evening". She looks down, puzzled at my poor Bosnian, before recognising me. "*Samo malo*," she says, asking me to wait a moment. "'Alma," she cries, turning her head back into the heart of the house.

In a few moments her 21-year-old sister opens the heavy wooden door into the house. She is one of the various translators I use. We exchange our latest activities as I push off my shoes with my feet and walk up the darkened stairs and on to the first floor of the house.

Inside, a candle burns on the dining room table, providing the only light for the six-room house. Young Sonja has left the window and is smiling shyly from the couch, bouncing her legs. Alma's mother quickly offers some chopped tomatoes grown by her 18-year-old son in their backyard and some bread made in their wood stove.

In the kitchen, the microwave oven, refrigerator and television have all become relics of a forgotten past. A roughly crafted wood stove and a car-battery-driven transistor radio have taken the place of modern appliances.

Even under siege when food is scarce, hospitality remains and food enough for three is set in front of me. I guiltily eat some of the food, not wanting to refuse vegetables or their sincere offer.

The father of the household returns and sits down across the room next to the brother, Tarik. Alma asks me about Mostar, where her mother comes from, and I describe what I saw there when I managed to get into the city four weeks ago. I know little that is pertinent to the fate of their relatives. Still, the details are swallowed hungrily.

We talk about the war and about work, and occasionally Tarik, polite and bitter, interjects a remark or a leading question.

He is exceptionally intelligent and angry, betrayed by the democratic and free forces he believed in. He knows, but cannot accept the world is going to watch his people die.

For some reason I consider him a good friend, though our discussions tend to be clashes.

Tarik will be the new danger of Bosnia. He is shockingly insightful and charismatic. He knows his people have been written off by the West as expendable. He saw how the moral condemnations of the Serbs last year gave way to statements of appeasement this: how the West backed off each time the Serbs called their bluff and how the Geneva talks are little more than a coerced capitulation.

While the West would like nothing more than to forget Bosnia, it will be people like Tarik who will try to remind them of it in the years to come.

British aid to Bosnia totals £131m

BY MICHAEL BINYON

BRITAIN has spent £131.3 million on aid to Bosnia. Statistics from the Overseas Development Administration, the Foreign Office agency, include:

- ☐ Total number of ODA convoys up to last Saturday: 483
- ☐ Amount of aid delivered: 40,306 tonnes
- ☐ Number of RAF airlift sorties into Sarajevo: 691
- ☐ Amount of aid carried in by plane: 9,415 tonnes
- ☐ Total airlift sorties by all donors up to 4 August: 9,415 tonnes
- ☐ Total amount carried by all donors: 50,944 tonnes
- ☐ Total number of ODA-funded personnel in Bosnia: 124. These include: convoy drivers, 71; radio operators, 17; relief co-ordinators, 10; power engineers, 10
- ☐ Bilateral allocations to Bosnia include: 58 lorries and support staff, £11.3 million; operation of two warehouses and distribution points, £0.95 million; building winter shelters for 2,000 people, £2.4 million; restoring coal production and repairing power stations, £9.8 million; supplying vehicles, sleeping bags etc, £1.3 million; cash for UN organisations, £14.7 million; medical staff and supplies, £4.1 million; grants to international charities, £4.1 million; refugee transport for 1,000 detainees, £0.4 million; agricultural seed for Bosnia, £0.6 million; contributions to US airdrops, £0.6 million; repair of sabotaged Peruca dam, £0.6 million.

Candlelight theatre kindles fresh hope

BY RICHARD BEESTON

FOR A few hours yesterday Sarajevo's cultural elite were able to forget the privations of life under siege and instead laugh at someone else's suffering. The curtain went up for the opening performance of *Waiting for Godot* — appropriately, perhaps, a bleak parable which offers the merest glimmer of hope.

In a setting befitting Samuel Beckett's absurdist masterpiece, some of the Bosnian capital's most talented actors and actresses made their wartime debuts on a stage lit by a dozen candles and with homemade props and costumes.

"It is excellent that in the middle of the war we can still enjoy cultural events," said Mehmet Drino, a civil engineer who had secured a much sought-after ticket for the opening performance at Sarajevo's International Theatre Festival. "It is a sign we have confidence in our future."

The production is largely attributable to the efforts of the New York writer Susan Sontag, who visited Sarajevo in April with her journalist son, but decided to return and put on a play to reflect the city's endless wait to be delivered from the war.

"I did not want to write about Sarajevo; there are many people to do that," she said. "I wanted to work with the people here and do something for them."

The Bosnian capital, which was known throughout the former Yugoslavia, as an artistic centre for music and theatre, still had a large pool of actors available, unable to escape the Serbian onslaught.

Nevertheless, Ms Sontag said that rehearsing under constant bombardment, without electricity and with malnourished volunteers was an enormous obstacle. Most of the rehearsals were conducted in almost complete darkness; the candles were saved for the performances.

Although the actors were extremely committed physically, they were weakened by the effects of the Serbian stranglehold. Atko, a former professor, who plays the role of Lucky, was so weak he found it difficult to lift his prop, an empty suitcase.

"Quite apart from the Serb shelling, there were the everyday problems that we all faced of lack of food, medicine and the daily search for water," said Ms Sontag. Her contribution offstage included pilfering bread rolls from the journalists' Holiday Inn hotel and giving her own clothes to be made into costumes.

Quite apart from the achievement of staging the play in such adversity, the show received critical acclaim. Although the audience of 80 seemed impressed, for others, it was a depressing reminder of Sarajevo's decline.

Srdan Jevdevic, one of the city's best-known musicians, said Sarajevo was now a magnet for self-seeking Western intellectuals. "I am sure that if she was back in America she would never have been able to direct *Waiting for Godot* on the New York stage."

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Nostalgic Clinton pines for good old days in Arkansas

Gephardt: switch of loyalty over free trade

FROM IAN BRODIE AND WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

■ The president has taken to task the "naysayers" who he says are trying to block progress. He wants to bring a spirit of consensus to government

PRESIDENT Clinton goes on holiday tomorrow in a mood of frustration with Washington politics and nostalgia for the simpler ways of Arkansas. He used vivid language to describe Washington as dominated by "rhetoric and air-filling bull" rather than "concern for what's going to happen to this country".

Reflecting on his turbulent first seven months in the White House, Mr Clinton told a gathering of the governors from 50 states in Oklahoma that in Washington consensus is often interpreted as cave-in. He said: "People who try to work together and listen to one another, instead of beat each other up, are accused of being weak, not strong. The process is a hundred times more important than the product. Beats anything I ever saw."

In addition to Washington's notorious "gridlock", Mr Clinton and his family have been stricken by the suicide last month of Vincent Foster, the friend from his Arkansas boyhood who followed the president to the White House as deputy legal counsel. Foster came under attack from *Wall Street Journal* editorials and others and left an anguished note that in Washington "ruining people is considered sport".

Mr Clinton apparently had this echo from Foster tragedy in mind when he said: "The people that really score are those that lay one good lick on you in the newspaper every day, instead of the people that get up and go to work, never care if they're on the evening news, never care if they're in the paper, and just want to make a difference."

Aides to the president said that passage was not aimed at the White House press corps, which whom Mr Clinton has made amends for earlier disagreements, but was intended for "naysayers" such as editorial writers, propagandists, lobbyists and political opponents who concentrate more on blocking legislative progress than pulling together. It is commonplace for presidents to attack Washington when they are away from the capital, but Mr Clinton's remarks were more poignant than is customary. He sounded wistful for his days in Arkansas when he told his former fellow governors: "I miss you. I miss the way we made decisions. I miss the heart and soul and fabric of life that was part of every day when I got up and went to work in a state capital. Somehow we've got to bring that back to Washington."

Mr Clinton leaves tomorrow, his 47th birthday, for a hastily arranged holiday, his first proper break for more than four years. He will be staying at Martha's Vineyard, off Cape Cod.

One of the turbulent issues facing him even while he is on holiday is the possibility of defeat in Congress for the North American Free Trade Agreement (Nafta), the ambitious scheme by the US, Canada and Mexico to forge the world's largest free trade zone, despite a hard-fought compromise package agreed by the three governments at the end of last week.

State governors, trade unionists and congressional leaders, including otherwise staunch supporters, have launched stinging attacks on last week's supplementary deal, which the three governments signed to close some of the gaps in last year's original package. Congressional leaders say that Nafta still falls a long way short of the majority needed for ratification in Congress because it remains deeply unpopular among the electorate. For President Clinton, the defeat of Nafta would amount to a setback in his attempts to rescue a deal in which he fervently believes, and which proponents say would expand America's trading opportunities.

An early setback for the president came with the announcement by Richard Gephardt, the Democratic majority leader in the House of Representatives, who in 1988 run a presidential campaign on a protectionist ticket, to oppose last week's compromise deal. He said it fell "short in important respects".

The position of Mr Gephardt in this debate is pivotal: if the Democratic leadership cannot bring itself to support Nafta, the Democratic backbenchers, wary of their re-election prospects, are even less likely to. Labour leaders have also expressed alarm at the prospect of job losses and the possible downward pressure on wages. One said: "We are still supporters of Clinton. We just have a huge disagreement over Nafta."

Blacklisting of Sudan is symbolic act

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

SUDAN will join six other pariah states when it is added to the State Department's list of terrorist nations for its alleged role in a plot to bomb the United Nations.

The annual list, last issued in April, labels Iran, Iraq, Syria, Libya, Cuba and North Korea as terrorist states and restricts their trading relations with the United States. Pakistan recently avoided being added to the list for backing terrorist groups in India, after it apparently cut its support to the Muslim militants.

The US sanctions are modest in scope compared with other measures sometimes taken by the United States alone or in concert with its allies. Being named by the State Department as a terrorist nation bars a country from receiving non-humanitarian assistance from the United States and restricts its trade with the United States. Any businessman trading with Sudan will henceforth have to certify that goods sold to the country cannot be used for military purposes.

But such sanctions will be merely symbolic if placed on Sudan because of the limited amount of trade between the African nation and the United States. If the United States really wants to punish a country, it can take military action as it did this summer when it launched a cruise missile attack on the Iraqi intelligence headquarters in Baghdad in retaliation for an Iraqi plot to assassinate former President George Bush during a visit to Kuwait.

A similar attack was launched by US warplanes from British bases in 1986 against Libya in response to suspected Libyan involvement in terrorist attacks on US servicemen at a nightclub in Germany. Washington can also pursue a diplomatic approach, as it has done in an effort to force Libya to turn over the two intelligence agents accused of bombing Pan Am flight 103 over Lockerbie during December 1988.

With its British and French allies, the United States spearheaded a campaign to impose mandatory United Nations sanctions on air travel and arms sales to Libya. The three powers are now threatening to seek UN support for a worldwide freeze on Libya's foreign assets and an embargo on the sale of crucial oil-related equipment that could cripple the country's oil industry unless Tripoli surrenders the two men by October 1.

Congressmen Tom Lantos, a Democrat from California, has complained that the US Administration exercises a double standard when dealing with identified terrorist states. He believes that Libya should be punished for the Lockerbie bombing just as heavily as Iraq was for the plot against President Bush.

The State Department says that last year saw the lowest number of terrorist attacks around the world since 1975, with only 361 incidents.

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Civilians rein in military

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI IN BUENOS AIRES

PARAGUAY'S first democratically elected government yesterday gave itself the power to subjugate the armed forces and bring the military to heel.

Three days after President Wasmosy took office as the first civilian president to lead Paraguay in its 182-year independent history, Congress passed a law which gives the new government the powers to put the influential military under civilian authority. This will permit Señor Wasmosy to become commander-in-chief of the armed forces.

Señor Wasmosy also broke with tradition by naming a civilian as his defence minister, even though the military had backed him in the elections which brought him to office. President Wasmosy belongs to the same traditional Colorado Party which has ruled hand-in-hand with the military and is also associated with the brutal 34-year dictatorship of General Alfredo Stroessner, toppled in a coup by General Andrés Rodriguez.

Contrary to opinion polls Paraguayans, who were thought to want a total change from the past, gave Señor Wasmosy the majority vote in the first democratic election held in May. He had promised reform and a move away from subservience to the military.

However, his party did not win an overall majority in the congress, which is largely made up of opposition parties who are pressing for radical changes.

President Wasmosy also closed down two television networks which had been set up by General Stroessner as propaganda outlets. However, further measures will be needed to dismantle the power structure which the military built in Paraguay.

Human rights organisations are still pressing for trials against members of the armed forces, including General Stroessner, who are accused of torturing and killing hundreds of political opponents.

Taking aim: a child playing with a gun in an alley in Peking, where talks on Hong Kong ended yesterday with the Chinese team threatening unilateral action

Britain set to offer a compromise on Patten's proposals

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

THE ninth round of the British-Chinese negotiations on the future of Hong Kong ended yesterday with a bleak communiqué stating merely that there would be a tenth round on September 4-5. The talks were overshadowed by constant Chinese reminders of Deng Xiaoping's threat to Margaret Thatcher in 1982 that, if necessary, China would settle the fate of the colony unilaterally.

Sir Robin McLaren, the ambassador to China who leads the British side, described the first day of talks as "normal" — which could be interpreted as fairly glacial. He would say only that the two sides "had got through quite a lot of work".

But Britain may be preparing to compromise on the proposals for constitutional changes introduced by Chris Patten, the Hong Kong governor. Both sides also agree that the pace of negotiations must be accelerated before a meeting in late September in New York between Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, and Qian Qichen, the Chinese foreign minister.

The Chinese, who have accused Britain of conducting a "summer offensive" to dominate the negotiations, despite Mr Patten's absence while on holiday in Tuscany, have rejected British calls for an end to negotiations by early October in time for the reopening of the Legislative Council (Legco), Hong Kong's 60-member parliament which alone, in Britain's view, can ratify constitutional changes.

Peking characterises Legco as a colonial instrument with no power to change anything concluded at the negotiations. The Chinese side has mounted its own offensive by recalling Mr Deng's threat to Mrs Thatcher, whom he regarded as "that stinking woman", during their talks in September, 1982, preceeding the Sino-British 1982-84 negotiations which agreed that China would regain sovereignty over Hong Kong in 1997.

Angered by Mrs Thatcher's observation that the 19th century treaties, that wrested Hong Kong from Chinese control, were legally binding, the Chinese leader issued a double-barreled warning: if there were turmoil in Hong Kong, China would enter the colony to restore order, and that if the negotiations did not conclude successfully within two years, China would settle the issue unilaterally.

These remarks, quoted frequently by Chinese officials during recent weeks, and in the Peking-oriented media in Hong Kong, were emphasised just before the opening session of the talks on Monday by Jiang Enzhu, China's envoy, as being "still very important guidance".

Sir Robin responded by noting that Hong Kong is free of turmoil: another British source described references to Mr Deng's threats as "distinctly unhelpful". The newspaper, *Hong Kong Economic Journal*, has suggested that Britain is preparing to make a significant amendment to one of Mr Patten's proposals, all of which have been regularly denounced by Peking since they were made last October.

One of Mr Patten's key proposals was that 2.7 million voters, virtually Hong Kong's entire adult working population, would elect nearly half of Legco members in 1997. Peking regards this as a manoeuvre to introduce "bourgeois democracy" into the colony and a violation of past Sino-British agreements.

Before he left for Tuscany, Mr Patten had hinted on several occasions that the number of people eligible to vote was not immutable and that one million might be an acceptable compromise.

If this occurs, it would amount to a big British retreat. The possibility of it happening, though, is not being denied here.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mubarak mediates with Libya

Nicosia: President Mubarak of Egypt made a surprise trip to Libya yesterday for talks with Colonel Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, whose country faces tough new sanctions after rejecting a Western deadline to surrender the Lockerbie bombing suspects (Michael Theodoulou writes).

Mr Mubarak, representing one of the few countries on reasonable terms with Libya, was trying to "find a face-saving solution" for Col Gaddafi. The US, Britain and France have said they will try to freeze Libya's financial assets and ban its purchase of oil equipment if it does not co-operate by October 1.

Several previous trips by the Egyptian leader failed to achieve a breakthrough, although earlier this month a United Nations spokesman said progress was being made in negotiations to bring the two suspects to trial in Britain.

Timor pullout

Jakarta: Indonesia said it would withdraw all its combat forces from East Timor, replacing them with troops engaged only in development projects. About 200,000 Timorese have died under 18 years of Jakarta rule. *(Reuter)*

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Ransom paid

Phnom Penh: Khmer Rouge guerrillas freed eight ethnic Vietnamese child hostages, including a month-old baby, after receiving £500 ransom, UN officials said. They were kidnapped on Friday from a village in Kompong Chhang province. *(Reuter)*

Kantor hurt

Washington: Mickey Kantor, the US trade representative, fell 12 ft down an air conditioning shaft from the roof of a Geneva hotel where he was watching a fireworks display while on holiday. He left hospital after receiving treatment for a back injury. *(AFP)*

Far right condemns move to hand over Walvis Bay

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

NAMIBIA and the African National Congress yesterday welcomed the South African government's decision to relinquish its claims to Walvis Bay. The white right-wing Conservative Party, however, condemned the move.

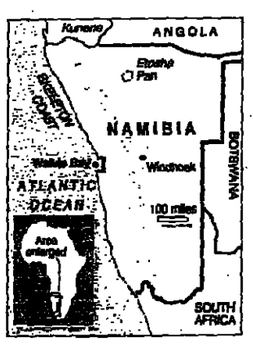
The South African decision was an indication of the growing power of the multi-party constitutional negotiating council, meeting in the World Trade Centre near here, which on Monday instructed the government delegation, led by R. F. "Pik" Botha, the foreign minister, to draw up legislation "as a matter of urgency" to hand Walvis Bay, on the coast of the former South West Africa, to the government in Windhoek, the Namibian capital. Pretoria is to report back in a month.

Before acquiescing to the council's demand, Mr Botha was given a tongue-lashing when he tried to overawe the non-elected delegates, accusing them of talking nonsense. When Cyril Ramaphosa, the ANC secretary-general, was given the floor on a point of order, he declared: "He does not even, as foreign minister, have the right to come here and insult all of us."

The issue of Walvis Bay was brought to a head by Andre Fourie, the land and regional affairs minister, when he appeared before the negotiating council to discuss the boundaries of the proposed states, provinces or regions of the South Africa being set up in a transitional constitution. He pointed out that Walvis Bay was nowhere mentioned in the proposals of the boundaries commission, and suggested it be permanently included in the Cape province, as now.

That led directly to Monday's resolution, in which the negotiating council asked the governments of South Africa and Namibia to meet urgently to finalise the incorporation. The resolution was passed after an evening adjournment for consultations.

South Africa's claim to Walvis Bay (Bay of Whales) stems



from the 1878 planting of the British flag there to head off the establishment of a German colony through the whole of South West Africa. It was administered through the late 19th century by the government of the then Cape Colony. When the Union of South Africa was created in 1910 it passed into the control of the new government.

Walvis Bay today it is a largely rundown port city where only one cannery now functions and then for only part of the year. The white suburbs are mainly inhabited by Afrikaners, but four-fifths of the inhabitants are black, mainly Ovambos.

For the past 18 months a joint Pretoria-Windhoek administration for the territory has been in the course of establishment. Mr Botha insisted yesterday that it had always been the government's intention eventually to hand full control to Namibia.

Welcoming the decision, the ANC said: "This matter has been delayed for far too long already. No further delays should be allowed to occur." But the Conservative Party complained that it again showed that the National Party and the government had become clay in the hands of such organisations as the ANC, the South African Communist Party and the Pan Africanist Congress.

"The government has allowed the negotiating council, which has no status in this context, to make summary preparations for the handing over of Walvis Bay while negotiations for joint control of the territory were still in progress," it said.

Theo-Ben Gurirab, the Namibian foreign minister, hailed the decision as a victory for commonsense. He said he expected the incorporation to take place before South Africa's first non-racial general election next April 27.

Babangida plays resignation card

BY SAM KILEY, AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

PRESIDENT Babangida, Nigeria's military ruler, offered to resign yesterday as president and commander-in-chief of the armed forces, but, amid mounting political and ethnic tension threatening to plunge the country into violence, he refused to say whether he would actually go.

General Babangida, dubbed the Maradona of African politics because of his political dribbling, confounded many of his critics but surprised none. Whether the president has managed to cheat his opponents out of the competition remains to be seen.

In an address to the national assembly, General Babangida, who seized power in a bloodless coup in 1985, said: "Following lengthy deliberations with my service chiefs, I offered as my own personal sacrifice to voluntarily step aside as president and commander-in-chief of the armed forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria."

He added: "We have put in our best, we have had sleepless nights. There have been periods of joy, sadness and frustration."

However, the president, who has been accused of blocking moves towards democracy, would not disclose whether his resignation offer to his military colleagues had been accepted. President Babangida told the assembly that he would announce the composition of a new government "in the next few days".

Last week Nigeria's largest city, Lagos, was paralysed by a three-day strike organised by the Campaign for Democracy, an alliance of 25 groups campaigning against General Babangida's annulment of the June 12 presidential elections, won by chief Moshood Abiola.

The latest manifestation of Nigerian's disgust for the way the general has run the government came yesterday when commercial bank employees threatened to strike unless the central bank pumps more cash into the system. A run on the banks has caused a shortage of cash stockpiled by millions of people amid fears that the political crisis could cause a violent uprising.

General Babangida's short speech to the national assembly was followed by a debate over his proposals to set up an "interim national government" and a vote that went 90-60 in his favour.

A presidential decree issued on Monday set out huge fines and a ten-year prison sentence for publishers or journalists who published "false statements or rumours". Another proscribed newspapers published by Chief Abiola's Concord group as well as the daily *Punch*, the *Daily Sketch*, and the Bendel organisation.

Britain expressed disappointment yesterday at the vagueness of General Babangida's statement about a return to democracy and gave a warning that it would intensify sanctions against the Nigerian military unless there was a clear commitment to a return to democracy on August 27.

'Tuxedo king' was bound and buried

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE millionaire head of America's largest manufacturer of formal evening wear has been found alive after being held captive for 12 days in a plastic-lined cavern beneath a patch of waste ground in upper Manhattan with nothing to eat and drink but fruit and water.

Two brothers have been charged with kidnapping Harvey Weinstein, 68, the chairman of Lord West Formal Wear, a noted figure in New York society and popularly known as the "tuxedo king". The police also retrieved $3 million (£2 million) in ransom money paid by the victim's family. Detectives had followed two men after they picked up the money.

After a brief visit to hospital on Monday night, Mr Weinstein was said by doctors to be none the worse for his ordeal, which began on August 4 when he was snatched after eating breakfast at a restaurant in the borough of Queens.

For the next 12 days Mr Weinstein was held prisoner, shackled by the arms and legs in a bunker built underneath a partly wooded railyard next to the Henry Hudson Parkway on the upper west side of Manhattan. The pear-shaped pit was 14ft deep and 7ft wide and its entrance was concealed by a heavy steel plate weighed down with breeze blocks and soil. The earthen cell was insulated with plastic packing material and holes were made in the steel plate and tubes inserted to allow the kidnapped millionaire to breathe.

Mr Weinstein's captors periodically fed him with bananas, plums and water, and later lowered a tape recorder and cellular telephone into the hole so he could send messages to his family. When he was found after a search, Mr Weinstein's first words were: "God, I love the New York City police department."

Fermin Rodriguez, one of the two brothers charged with kidnapping, had worked for eight years at Mr Weinstein's factory. The kidnappers' motive, according to the police, was simple: "They figured they could make a lot of money."

Weinstein: "I love the police department"

Adrian Mole's 'caring' career

CONTINUING SUE TOWNSEND'S COMIC TALE

Our hero is no longer living with Pandora and has lost his job at the DoE. In return for lodgings, the misunderstood genius turns his talents to baby-sitting

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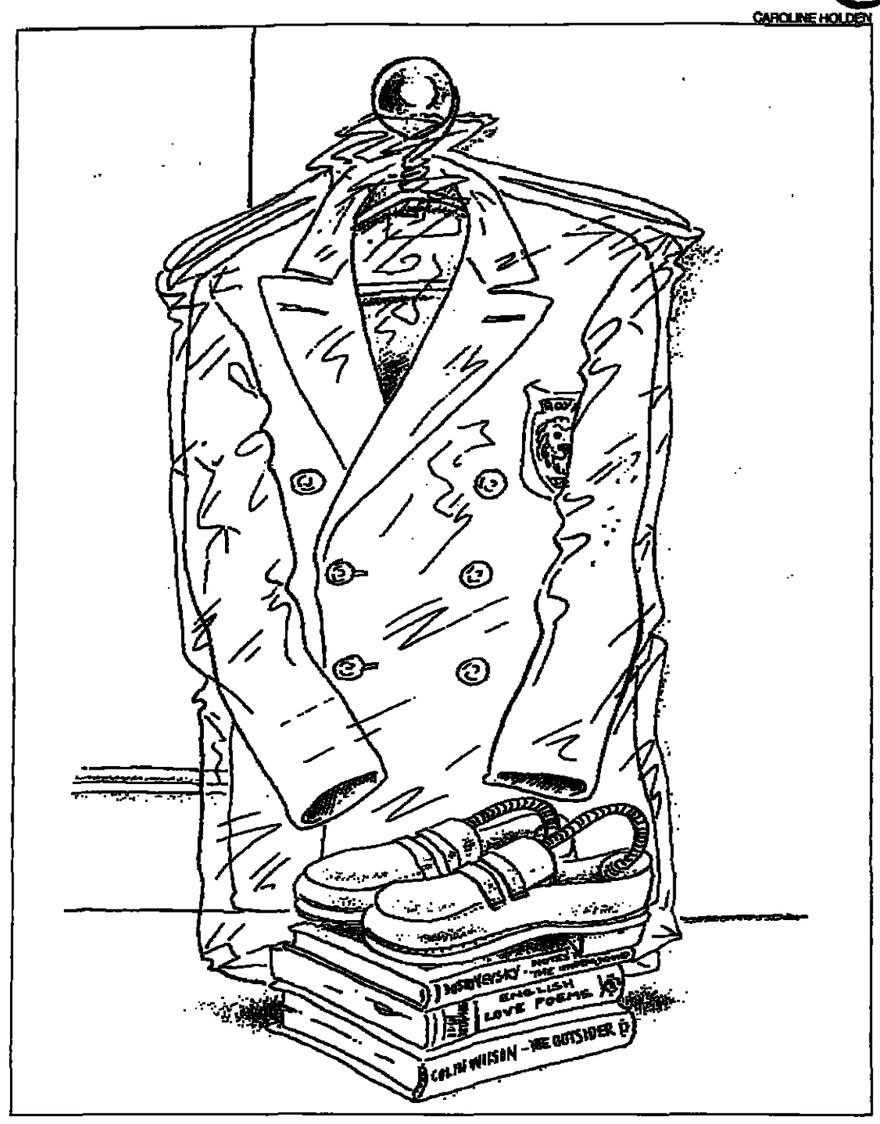

Saturday April 20th
Saw a card in the newsagents' window. It said, in mad handwriting:

ROOM TO LET
Academic household willing to let room free to tolerant person of either gender, in return for light household duties/babysitting/cat-sitting. Would suit working person with most evenings free. Please ring Dr Palmer.

I rang immediately from the phone box outside the newsagents. A bloke answered.

Dr Palmer: Christian Palmer speaking.
Me: Dr Palmer, my name is Adrian Mole. I've just seen your postcard in the newsagents.
Dr P: When can you start?
Me: Start what?
Dr P: Looking after the bloody kids.
Me: But you don't know me.
Dr P: You sound okay and you've already proved you can use a telephone. So you can't be a total simpleton. Have you got all your faculties: four limbs, eyesight?
Me: Yes.
Dr P: Ever been done for molesting kiddiewinkies?
Me: No.
Dr P: Got any particularly nasty personal habits?
Me: No.
Dr P: Good. So when can you start? I'm on my own here. My wife's in the States.

The telephone receiver was dropped. Suddenly I heard Palmer shout, "Tamsin, put the top back on that bottle of bleach! Now!"

He came back on the phone and gave me his address.

Sunday April 21st
Dr Palmer is tall and thin and wears his hair like Elvis Presley did during his silver-cloaks-in-Los-Angeles phase. His first words to me were, "On your way to a fancy dress party?". He laughed and fingered my blazer.

I mumbled something neutral and he asked, "Is that beard *real*?"

I assured him that I had grown it myself.

We were still standing on the doorstep of his decrepit house. A line of dirty, unrinsed milk bottles stood on the step. A little kid of unknown sex ran up the hall and tugged at Palmer's trousers. "I've done a great big one! Come and look, Daddy!" it said.

We all three went into a gigantic room which seemed to be a kitchen, living-room and study combined. In the middle of the floor stood a potty in the shape of an elephant. Dr Palmer looked in it and exclaimed, "Tamsin, that is a truly wonderful piece of shit!"

I averted my eyes and thought that the household was unsuited to one of my temperament.

However, when Dr Palmer came back from emptying the potty, I was pleased to see that he was drying his hands, which indicated to me that he knew the fundamentals of hygiene. I agreed to inspect the free room. We climbed the stairs, followed by Tamsin, Griffith and Alpha, who spoke to each other in a language I was not familiar with.

"Is it Welsh they're speaking?" I asked.

"No," Palmer laughed. "It's Oombagoomba. It's their own language. They're wearing their Oombagoomba clothes."

I looked at the rags and bits of cloth and shawls, etc. with which the kids were festooned and was relieved to find out that it was not their usual mode of dress.

The "free room" turned out to be the whole of the attic floor. It had a kitchen at one end, and a private bathroom at the other. There was a proper desk. I could imagine reading the proofs of *Lo!* at that desk. "You can do what you like up here," said Palmer, "apart from serial killing."

"Are you a teacher?" I ventured.

"No," he said. "I'm leading a research project on popular culture. We are trying to establish why people go out to pubs, discos, bingo sessions, to the cinema, and that sort of thing."

"It's to enjoy themselves, isn't it?" I said.

Palmer laughed again. "Yeah, but I've got to stretch that very simplistic answer into a three-year study and a 700-page book."

Dr Palmer must know by Wednesday if I want the room. He's got to go out on Friday to a darts competition.

Monday April 22nd
Can I stand babysitting for three children, four nights a week? It's not as if I would be sacrificing my social life. I haven't got one and, with a bit of luck, Mrs Palmer will stay in America, or fall over Niagara Falls, or something.

Thursday April 25th
Rang Palmer and told him that I would be moving in tonight.

Wednesday May 1st
Babysat. Griffith asked me to help him with his model of a Scud missile, which he is making out of a toilet roll and cut-up bits of washing-up liquid bottle. I pointed out to him that I am a pacifist.

Griffith (six) said, "If your sister was being threatened by a gang of vicious thugs, would you stand by and do nothing?"

I said, "Yes". Griffith doesn't know my sister Rosie. She is quite capable of seeing off a gang of vicious thugs.

Sunday May 4th
Left *Lo! The Flat Hills of My Homeland* on kitchen table overnight. No comment from Christian this morning, though Alpha said, "You've spelt 'success' wrong."

Thursday May 9th
Babysat. At 7.30pm I offered to read more of *Lo!* to the kids, but they said, as one, that they were very tired and wanted to go to bed! I had a peaceful night washing my working wardrobe and shampooing my beard.

Thursday September 12th
I have been asked to leave. Mrs Palmer is coming home.

The lousy, stinking undergraduates have hogged all the private rented accommodation.

I have started collecting cardboard boxes. Either to pack my belongings in, or to sleep in — who knows?

Saturday September 14th
Leicester. Bert Baxter's House
So, it has come to this. I am reduced to sleeping on a Put-U-Up in a pensioner's living-room, which stinks of cats. Baxter is charging me £5 for tonight, plus £2.50 for bacon and eggs. My mother's house is locked and dark, and the key is not in its usual place under the drain cover. In normal circumstances I would have broken the small pantry window and climbed in, but my mother has had a security system installed. Delusions of grandeur, or what?

I know I could go to my grandma's but I can't bear her to find out that I am unemployed and homeless. The shock could kill her. She has my GCSE certificates framed on the hall wall. My A-level English certificate is in a silver frame on the mantelpiece in her front room. Why give such anguish to an elderly diabetic?

Tuesday September 17th
My grandma knows all. My mother has told her everything. She is disgusted. I hope she never finds out that Bert Baxter gave me a bed for the night.

Wednesday September 18th
G knows about B & B at B.B.'s. She saw B.B. in C & A.

Tuesday September 24th
My grandma has said I can move in with her, rent free, providing I cut the grass, wind the clocks and do the shopping. I agreed immediately.

Wednesday September 25th
I read the first three chapters of *Lo!* aloud to Grandma tonight. She thinks it is the best thing she has ever heard and that the publishers who rejected it are barmy.

Friday October 4th
Grandma and I have scoured the house from top to bottom today. Grandma has a fixation about germs. She is convinced that they are lying in wait for her, ready to pounce and bring her down. I blame the television advertisement for a lavatory cleaner which depicts "germs" the size of gremlins, who lurk about in the S-bend, chuckling malevolently. Although I've seen this advertisement hundreds of times, I simply can't remember what the product is called.

Query: Is television advertising effective?

TOMORROW: Mole in the psychiatrist's chair

● Adrian Mole: The Wilderness Years *will be published by Methuen London on August 31 (£8.99).*

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MARTIN BEDDALL

One of us: from left, Bruno Maddox, Richard Burnett, Lina Saigol and Zoë Campbell still empathise with Mole

Life is tough at 23¾, claims the Adrian Mole generation. They have much more in common with their role model than they realise

Growing up a Mole

They were born in 1970. They watched *Blue Peter* as toddlers. By seven, the boys dreamt of being Hans Solo from *Star Wars*, and the girls wondered if they looked like Princess Lea (or vice-versa for the budding feminists). By ten, they danced secretly in front of the mirror to "You're the one that I want" from *Grease*, were scared of punks, and had just heard of *Duran Duran*. And by thirteen and three-quarters? They read *The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole Aged 13¾*.

This is the Adrian Mole generation, teenagers whose adolescent angst was defined by Sue Townsend's classic.

Just as the innocent antics of *Just William* reflect those of a post-first world war generation that went to tennis parties and drank lemonade on the lawn, so the maudlin preoccupations of Adrian Mole characterised the plight of teenagers obsessed with their zits and whose mothers stopped cooking after they read *The Female Eunuch*.

"I was very into him when I was about fourteen," recalls Bruno Maddox, a contemporary of Mole. And for all the blood, spots and tears, Adrian was still a partially beautiful character and role-model with whom the likes of Bruno could identify. "I was a bit Moleish," he admits, "especially in terms of my self-delusion. But Adrian Mole had potential. He was going through a tough time, like me, but I believed he would snap out of it."

A decade later, like Adrian Mole, Bruno is now twenty-three and three quarters, as are — give or take a month or two — Zoë Campbell, Richard Burnett and Lina Saigol. With adolesence, Pink Floyd and AC/DC behind them, they — like Adrian — are starting their first jobs, living in their first flats, and testing the waters of an adult world.

There the similarities stop, they say. They are nothing like their former anti-hero. Sadly, Mole has failed to fulfil his potential. He is a maladjusted loser with the emotional maturity of a sixteen-year-old. "He used to be so typical," Bruno says. "Now he is a total freak."

The real face of Mole? Bruno says his beard makes him look like a pimp

Mole's hopeless passion for Pandora is "a bit teeny-bopper", says Zoë, who is about to start articles with Lovell White Durrant. "He should have dropped it by now."

Bruno suffered a similar unrequited pash at 14, but it ended there. He is now into the requited variety: his girl friend, not dissimilar to Pandora, is a militant feminist. "She is a porno feminist, who is reclaiming feminine power through the mini-skirt. She wrote her thesis on the subject."

The grown-up male Mole generation has incorporated feminism in its relationships with women, says Bruno. "You don't catch anyone behaving in the caveman way of the 23-year-old Adrian."

"We men are trying to find a role in our relations with women," agrees Richard. "We don't know whether to open the door for a woman, whether that is gracious or patronising. It's an area of ambiguity, but there's plenty of ground to be exploited there which is not touched upon in Mole."

Nor would any real-life Moles resign with the ease of the fictional Adrian. "Most 23-year-olds are happy to have any job," says Zoë. Richard remembers the bitter atmosphere in his last days of college. (Selwyn, Cambridge. French and Spanish, he got a first), as fellow students checked their pigeon-holes for rejection letters. "People did get jobs, but not the exact ones they wanted."

And yet . . . there *are* strains in the updated diaries which chime a chord with real life 23-year-olds, says Richard. "It is very politically correct to have a job to do with the environment," he says. "When we were at college, the greens came into force, and everyone hassled you in the JCR to use recycled A4 paper. People are going for careers that are more socially aware. Materialism is no longer cool." He is about to start work with Unilever, but suffers from "guilt-trips" about it. Now, he says, you start work in a merchant bank with a view to joining an aid agency later.

And, now that Bruno comes to think of it, there is an element in him too, in the grown-up Adrian Mole. He also wants to reinvent himself and has started growing a beard, like Adrian. "First I looked like a hippy, now I look like a pimp. Mole's romanticism is all bound up with the desire to reinvent himself."

Libraries self-help sections are full of 23-year-olds, says Bruno. "It's to do with the concept of lifestyle. There is a bewildering choice." He, like Mole, is switching jobs. He spent the past six months as a journalist: now he is a record producer.

And there is a Mole-like bitterness among his generation about their sex lives. "We grew up expecting sex and money, but in the 1990s, in the post-Aids society, we have neither," says Bruno.

And even Lina, a freelance journalist, admits to Mole-like restlessness. "If you have not got everything in the first two years, you get worried," she says. Success is increasingly associated with youth."

If only there were still an empire, the four reflected. "That would be the perfect place for 23-year-olds", says Bruno, "who are dogged by wanting to be paid for their personalities." Why, it even might be a young Mole talking.

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What price a wet day out at Disney?

"AH VOILA, le cabin d'Oncle Tom sur le Mississippi." The plummy Gallic voice droned on with implausible accounts of his life as a steamboat captain and his *vieil ami* Tom Sawyer. The crowd, consisting largely of English-speaking Germans, Italians, Belgians and Slovenians yawned. Only the scattered French nodded their heads in happy acknowledgement that their needs were being catered for.

What do the French intelligentsia make of this attempt to recreate the most American of experiences in their precious language? To them, this scene, which plays itself out hundreds of times a day at Euro Disney, only 50 kilometres from Paris, probably confirms their fears that the park is a "cultural Chernobyl", that the transformation of some beetfields on the Paris hinterland is the first step to the Eiffel Tower being topped with black, flapping ears.

Euro Disney looks virtually identical to its American counterparts and is designed so that not one inch of French countryside can be seen from within. But the Disney Imagineers, as its designers are called, could not paint a blue Californian sky full of twittering birds. Bad weather is said to be one of the main reasons for the resort's problems and on the second Saturday in August, which ought to have been one of the busiest days of the year, the rain was lashing down and the car parks were only half full.

JULIA LLEWELLYN SMITH

In the car park, national differences were to the fore as exasperated Germans instructed ebullient Italians on the niceties of parking. Inside the gates, however, all cultural differences were erased as throngs of people wandered around all happily covered in hideous, yellow kagouls, each with a grinning Mickey on the back. The Disney corporation intended to profit from a crisis and knew few us would have come prepared for the wet. Having parted with £28 to get inside the compound we were like sitting Donald Ducks, prepared to pay anything and to look as stupid as possible, so long as we were protected from the elements.

The wet weather may be Disney's curse but it was our blessing. The wait for many of the most popular attractions, such as the excellent Star Tours, which simulates a flight to the moon of Endor, and the Haunted Mansion, were almost disappointingly small. Queuing is part of the Disney experience, every one expects to do it.

In fact, without the queues, a day out at Disney could deteriorate into a couple of hours. Despite the plethora of brochures shoved in your hand at the entrance, there is actually not all that much to do.

The best attractions: Star tours, Pirates of the Caribbean and Thunder Mountain last about 20 minutes, plus about two hours of waiting. After about eight hours we had been on all the rides we wanted, had two long breaks for meals, bought a Goofy mask and seen a procession. Even with small children it is difficult to imagine spending more than two days there.

The problem with Euro Disney, despite the snarls of the intellectuals, is that it is almost of too high a quality. Everything is invested with almost obsessive detail, from the tortured chickens and spitting cats of the Pirates of the Caribbean to the video instructions for Star Tours which show ordinary tourists, buckling their seatbelts, alongside a host of grinning aliens. The problem is that many things are gorgeously decorative but have little function. The sumptuous, full-sized pirate ship moored in the lagoon promises a sail downstream, but in fact all there is to do there is stand about on a little deck.

These feats of fantasy and nostalgia are delightful for adults and fascinating for small child, but they would bore many teenagers bred on the white-knuckle thrills of Alton Towers. The company has tacitly acknowledged this by introducing some new rides, including a loop-the-loop Indiana Jones rollercoaster. The day we were there it was closed as the result of an accident.

THE other problem seems to be that no one is quite sure if Euro Disney is too American or not American enough for European tastes. Some reports of its financial failings said it initially tried to create a continental ambiance, with sit-down meals, only to find people wanted fast food and Mickey T-shirts. Other moves by the company, such as the announcement of the introduction of alcohol into the Magic Kingdom, seem to suggest that customers — or "guests", as they are called — want the opposite.

At the end of the day we had spent about £100 and still had to find a bed for the night. For the same amount we could have spent the afternoon meandering through the *menu gastronomique* at a Michelin-starred establishment, before sleeping it off in a feather bed with pillows shaped like giant sausages.

If I had to chose between the two as a way to spend eternity I would chose the meal, but if I had to chose a once-in-a-lifetime treat I would chose Euro Disney.

Donna Karan's design philosophy is almost unique — she gives clients what they want, says **Kate Muir**

The living logo of New York

Donna Karan is so confident of her permanence at the top of New York's designer pile that she has commissioned a set of hand-painted murals in self-celebration. The tasteful black and white paintings, which cover buildings a block wide and ten storeys high, show the Manhattan skyline with the big-boned, wrap-dressed Statue of Liberty in the foreground. The huge letters DKNY are stamped across this cityscape — forever.

Ms Karan, big-boned and wrap-skirted like her female muse, is the only goddess among the gods of American fashion: the only woman to give Calvin Klein and Ralph Lauren a run for the money. Last Friday, her company — which started nine years ago with $3million (£2.06m) — went public, and will offer shares worth at least $160m. The sale is the seal on Ms Karan's success, making her an entrepreneurial figure akin to the Body Shop's Anita Roddick in Britain. Ms Karan's personal share of the sell-off, once her original Japanese investors are paid, is $44m.

Like Ms Roddick, the 44-year-old Ms Karan has succeeded by marching against traditional business practice. She began by inspecting her own wardrobe, concluding it was a disorganised disaster, and designing a few basics she felt she needed. As it turned out, professional women throughout America, and now Europe needed them, too. "We run this company not by numbers, but by gut instinct," she told *Working Woman* magazine.

She invented the body, a one-piece, leotard-like object worn under everything, which became a fashion staple copied everywhere. Ms Karan's "seven easy pieces", consisting of a body, tights, a dress, a jacket, trousers, a shirt and accessories, meant dressing in the morning could become an unthinking act, since everything co-ordinated. She never underestimated the female desire for every piece of clothing to be available in black.

She said she designed with "fat-stomach days" in mind, and admitted she wore wrap skirts to disguise her hips, endearing herself to women far more than Calvin Klein and his emaciated model Kate Moss. The confessional, intimate tone when she discussed the size of her thighs in public was a superb promotion tactic. Ms Karan also had the sense to fit her designs on house models who had human curves, rather than flat planes. "I've never considered myself a fashion designer," she once said. "I'm more a sort of doctor for women's problems. A garment has to work on me and not just some gorgeous model."

Aside from the fit, women like Donna Karan and her secondary, cheaper line, Donna Karan New York or DKNY, because the purchase gives them those warm, right-on associations. It is not just the clothes, but the tough-but-tender Karan persona which is being bought. The feminist designer, daughter of a New York tailor, is always being seen and photographed a great deal at Aids benefits and seminars promoting women in public life. She was with Barbra Streisand at the presidential inauguration. The final blessing of her political correctness came when Hillary Clinton asked her to send some fashion samples by Federal Express to Little Rock for various inauguration events. Soon afterwards, the First Lady appeared at a White House photo session in a Karan "cold-shoulder" slinky black jersey dress with peep-hole shoulders. The dress sold out in department stores.

The glitter-and-literati have flocked to the Karan shrine, and this summer's parties lacked that certain something if Donna and Barbra failed to turn up together in matching Karan floppy hats.

> 'I'm a sort of doctor. A garment has to work on me and not just some gorgeous model'

At her Seventh Avenue headquarters, her staff all wear her designs and are known as "Karanettes" for their Moonie-like devotion to her. She gets fan mail by the sack from women in the Midwest who write to "bless her" for her opaque black tights. They used to call her freephone number — actually a hotline for buying perfume — to leave messages about bra size and mid-cycle water retention.

Often, Ms Karan turns up in department stores to fit passing customers personally, ordering them in and out of her clothes, rolling up sleeves, swapping sizes and making them take risks until the desired result is achieved. "You wear the clothes. You don't let the clothes wear you," she lectures them in her Long Island accent. They leave with increased confidence, worn credit cards and the knowledge that no male designer would ever invade their changing rooms in such a manner.

The Donna Karan line is aimed at the incredibly rich (jackets cost more than $1,000), and the DKNY line is more modest (with similar garments at $400). For some reason, they cost more in Britain than in America. Ms Karan has cut her expensive line slightly smaller, presumably to suit the thin women Tom Wolfe once described as "the social X-ray", and the cheap line more generously.

RICHARD YOUNG

Thighs the limit: Donna Karan's confessions about her own body shape have endeared her to her customers

The Karan empire is poised to grow and grow. There are 877 staff and 14 different divisions, including scent, underwear, men's clothes, sunglasses and jeans. Her expansion into housewares and furniture is already being predicted. Her husband and business partner, the ponytailed Stephan Weiss, picked the smell and designed a special bottle for her brand-name scent. Ms Karan desribes this smell as "a combination of Casablanca lilies, red suede, cashmere and Stephan's neck". As a consultant, Mr Weiss earned $200,000 last year, and his wife $1m, including bonuses. They have three children from previous marriages, an apartment on upper East Side and a summer house by the beach.

The endless growth has seen some bumps. The perfume was expensively promoted and advertised, but its sales are not yet large. This season's see-through, gauzy blouses did not leap off the rails, being considered too daring. On the other hand, nine out of ten Karan designs succeed in the shops, a better average than most.

Fashion analysts are suggesting that the business is expanding too fast, resulting in decisions being made without Ms Karan's all-important personal touch. She is keen to emulate Ralph Lauren, whose Polo shops and whole-house-hold approach have made him America's most successful designer. She intends to move beyond department stores to the less solid ground of her first high-street shop next year.

Thus far, however, the woman described as "the world's greatest living logo" appears unstoppable.

Do you have the mind to make a master?

Psychologists **Alan Baddeley** and **Ian Robertson** on the chess brain

In 1907, an American psychologist called Cleveland described a game of chess played by a mentally handicapped inmate of an institution for "congenital idiots" (the terminology of 1907). The man played a better game than his opponent of normal intellect, though made a silly error at the end and lost. Cleveland gave this example because he believed that skill at playing chess has little to do with intelligence and consists of a set of highly specific skills with no connection to anything other than the 64 squares of a chess board.

Reassuring though this may be for those of us who are chess duffers, the fact is that international chess masters tend to have above average intelligence. Nevertheless, chess skill is certainly *not* a good measure of IQ: many highly intelligent people are poor at chess, and there are also a few chess whizz kids who do not shine at much else. One Dutch research project did suggest that children who learnt chess showed better progress in other academic subjects. Furthermore, a few years ago the government of Venezuela embarked on an ambitious programme to try to improve the IQ of the nation's children, and one of their strategies was to teach them chess, though it is not clear whether it worked or not!

So what *does* make the top chess player? Dennis Holding, in his book *The Psychology of Chess Skill*, thinks that it boils down to extent of knowledge, capacity to think ahead, and the ability to tell at a glance whether any board position is good, bad or indifferent. A top chess player will have stored in his memory hundreds if not thousands of openings, endgames and other configurations: there are, for instance, 135 accepted variations of the good old Ruy Lopez opening alone, and top chess players will know all of these, and more.

Knowledge of chess patterns and sequences is stored in the brain's long-term memory. The better chess players draw on this knowledge and on memories of their own previous games to help them visualise current games and to work out strategies by analogy with previous ones. The better the chess player, the better his or her ability to memorise chess positions, even when he or she only has a glimpse of a board. This is what makes some of the prodigious feats of blindfold chess possible.

Good chess players also know a number of strategic rules of thumb, or "heuristics", for planning a game. One particular one tends to be used by grandmasters and masters more than by lesser players — the so-called "homing heuristic". All this means is that if you think through a particular sequence of moves and come up with a good result, you should follow up this line of moves more thoroughly.

A child with a high IQ will not necessarily shine at chess

On the other hand, if your imagined move sequence hits problems, then you should explore a greater range of quite different moves rather than plugging away at variations of the first one.

One hitch in using this strategy as you get older is that you tend to forget which moves you have already thought through. Hence older players tend to go back to old lines of thought they have already rejected and make errors not because they cannot think ahead or work out problems, but because they forget what they tried just a couple of minutes before.

But how else do we play chess? Recent research in Cambridge has shown that we need to be able to visualise the chessboard and mentally play out the various possible moves. This is the same ability you need mentally to trace a route from, say, the supermarket where you usually shop to the nearest railway station. This so-called "visuo-spatial sketchpad" is a sort of mental blackboard on which we locate places and objects in spatial arrangement with each other. This sketchpad is probably based in the right half of the brain.

Experts and novices alike are stymied if they are required to use their visuo-spatial sketchpad for other purposes when trying to solve chess problems. In contrast, they are not at all troubled by having to use its linguistic and left brain equivalent — the articulatory loop. This is the mental mechanism we need to remember an unfamiliar telephone number.

But this right brain, visuo-spatial ability is not all that is needed to play chess. The frontal lobes of the brain also appear to be essential. One of the tasks of the frontal part of our brains is to act as the "executive" for most of the other parts of the brain: it has an organising, co-ordinating, planning job to do. To give an example of what it does, try this exercise: visualise your house and then count how many windows there are in it. As you do this task, your visuo-spatial sketchpad will be creating an image of your house layout, while your articulatory loop will be storing the numbers as you count. And the executive will be co-ordinating the two parts of the brain to make sure that they work in concert and come up with the right answer.

Chess players have great difficulty in solving chess problems when they also have to do tasks which need this executive ability residing in the frontal lobes of the brain. It seems that not only must they visualise the board layout, but they must also co-ordinate this image with plans and memories of similar situations. This toing and froing between different mental functions is the job of the executive.

Only proper chess players can explain to non players why they choose to put their brains through this intense effort for so little obvious reward. Yet even the chess dwarfs among us will be hooked on the Short-Kasparov struggle, and if only he can get the Russian wondering about his windows, maybe we'll see Nigel's odds shorten yet.

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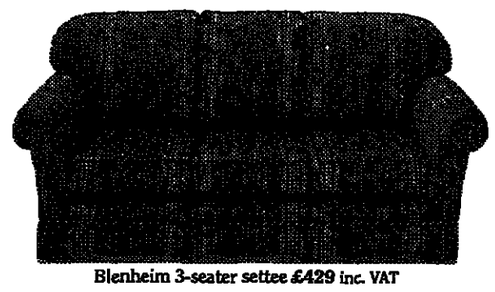

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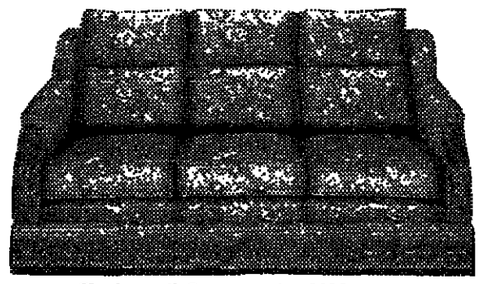

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Now we know how Hal felt, a prince among game boys

There could well be a knighthood in this. For is not my voice broken, my wind short, my chin double, my wit single and every part of me blasted with antiquity, and will I yet call myself young? Add to this the fact that I was born about three o'clock in the afternoon, with a white head and something of a round belly (both of which, interestingly, I seem to be getting back), and you will. I am sure, be hard put to come up with a candidate better qualified to hurtle down to his local job-centre this very minute and offer himself for the position of drinking companion to the Prince of Wales, specialist subject the works of William Shakespeare 1591-1613.

Is there a vacancy? Is there ever. Because, despite the fact that our beloved heir is girt round with all manner of advisers, mentors, boffins, coaches, gurus, tutors and other consultant sycophants ever on the *qui vive* at the end of a cellphone should HRH's brow begin to furrow, he appears to have nowhere to turn when it comes to solving the problem of his offspring's indifference to the Bard. I learned this from the speech he made on Monday when inaugurating his new Shakespeare School at Stratford: "I know", he confessed, "that if I tried to drag my children here, they would say they didn't want to come, that it would be boring, that they'd far rather play with their computer games."

The heart bleeds. A picture materialises, does it not, of our deeply caring monarch-in-waiting, tilter at carbuncles, sworn opponent of all he deems to be meretricious, ephemeral, or just plain tacky, leaning on a lectern at the corner of the Highgrove nursery and attempting to interest Prince William in the fact that he, too, will one day be given the latchkey of this earth of majesty, this seat of Mars, this other Eden, demi-paradise, this fortress built by Nature for herself against infection and the hand of war, but is William listening? Is Henry? Are they hell, their eyes are glued to two enormous screens, their fingers are twinkling across two keyboards with all the unsettling dexterity of the contemporary young, they are hermetically absorbed in the pressing business of getting out of the dungeon and across the drawbridge before the Terminators climb out of the moat and eat them, they do not give a damn for their old man's fervent declamation of England's top iambs, they like things that go tink-tink-tink and bleep-bleep-bleep.

Very well, then. That is why, this morning, I offer my liege lord my sworn service. I have the answer, and I have it after a mere two hours' fiddling with my Macintosh software, for that is all the time that was required to devise *Hamlet: Prince of Nintendo*. Now, press this key: see, a rudimentary oblong battlement has materialised, with a little Lego-like bloke standing on it. He is called Bernardo. He squeaks, "Who's there?" A multiple choice now appears: *(a) Postman Pat, (b) Francisco, (c) A Ninja Turtle*. Press the key again: if you have got the right answer, Francisco, Horatio and Marcellus appear. They are all scuttling about and squeaking like mad. What have they seen? *(a) Tyrannosaurus Rex, (b) Gazza, (c) A ghost*. If you select Gazza, Horatio explodes, preventing the game from continuing.

The choices, of course, become progressively trickier, particularly if you have selected correctly from *(a) Walked under a bus, (b) Martian fell on him, (c) Got murdered by someone pouring poison in his ear*, because you have now qualified to enter Part Two of the game, which concerns what Hamlet is going to do about it. If, for example, you select *(b) Put on a cape and run Claudius over in the Batmobile*, you will have to start again from the beginning, whereas should you choose correctly, you will arrive at the interesting teaser that neither you nor Hamlet knows what he is going to do about it, at which point the little Lego-like figure in the black outfit will ask you what you would do in his position, thus moving the game into its interactive phase, where you will be able to do anything you want, provided, of course, that everybody ends up exploding, as Shakespeare intended.

This, then, is what I am offering to HRH. He can only say "I know thee not, old man: fall to thy prayers", but he is a sensitive cove, he surely wouldn't want to see a Prince of Wales make the same mistake twice.

Richard Nicholson says the public should be told that not all treatments give a substantial health benefit

Operating too can damage your health

Was the case of Harry Elphick, the smoker who died before having heart treatment, an avoidable death? Was it an example of doctors deciding who will live and who will die, and is this destined to happen increasingly often?

Mr Elphick, a 25-a-day cigarette smoker, had had a heart attack and might have benefited from an operation on his coronary arteries. First he needed an X-ray examination of the arteries — angiography — but such an examination is not given to smokers at his local hospital, Wythenshawe in Manchester. Doctors there do not operate on smokers because they are more likely to die during the operation, and more likely to spend weeks on a ventilator afterwards or need a second operation. The risks for smokers are higher, and the benefits are statistically lower. There is no point in performing angiography, which itself entails some risk, if the operation will not in any case be performed.

Mr Elphick was advised to stop smoking and given help by a dedicated unit. Once he had given up, he was referred again to Wythenshawe, and was to have been seen there later this week. Unfortunately, he died last week.

With life-expectancy for men now more than 73 years, there is always great grief when someone dies a quarter-century short of that target. But is it fair that Mr Elphick's widow should be blaming doctors at Wythenshawe for his death? She says it should not have mattered whether her husband smoked or not: the doctors should have got on with the tests and treatment.

It is a sad case, but unlikely to be unique. It brings to a head a debate in the medical world, and in the *British Medical Journal* in particular, over whether coronary artery surgery should be offered to smokers. There is in fact remarkable unanimity among the medical professionals. Virtually every heart specialist would recommend that a smoking patient stop smoking for six weeks or more before the tests.

Mr Elphick's care in Manchester was just the same as he would have received in Oxford, Leicester or London. It was the same, because that treatment accords with the most basic ethical precept in medical practice: "First, do no harm." To have tested him and operated on him without his giving up smoking for six weeks would have put him at much greater risk. The judgment made in this case appears to have been clinically, rather than financially based.

So why is there such a fuss about it? The requirement to stop smoking has been seen as arbitrary, and not one that doctors should be allowed to make. After all, where will it all end? Will treatment be refused to those who drink too much, or those who eat too much? Will patients have to provide evidence of a healthy lifestyle to gain entitlement to treatment? Is it not the duty of the doctor to treat everyone, regardless of lifestyle?

That duty is often referred to wrongly as being Hippocratic. The Oath is nowhere near so all-encompassing. The relevant part reads: "I will prescribe regimen for the good of my patients according to my ability and my judgment, and never do harm to anyone."

Most specialists do not have the money or facilities in the National Health Service to do all the treatments and procedures they would wish. So their ability to work for the good of their patients has inevitably been curtailed. Not everyone can have every treatment he might need, but this has not yet been assimilated by the public. Outcries over the closing of a bone-marrow transplant unit, or lack of treatment for patients with renal failure, or lack of paediatric intensive care beds are analogous to the not-in-my-back-yard syndrome. No one want their local hospital to close.

Somehow doctors have to get across to their patients — because no politician nowadays has the guts to do it — that reductions in resources inevitably mean that individuals — you, or your neighbour — are going to die for lack of treatment. Over the next couple of decades, the gap between what is possible and what is provided will widen.

The health services of the West depend upon economies which currently take more than their share of world resources. This impoverishes the least developed countries and leaves them with virtually no health services. To try to maintain this economic status quo will entail international instability, and so cost far more lives than any careful reduction in NHS funding. Such a planned reduction would limit provision to those treatments that have been proved to produce substantial health gain — probably no more than half of the treatments currently available. What is now needed is a much greater effort to involve the public, rather than a few experts, in decisions on what care the NHS is to provide.

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The melting pot bubbles over

Tribal anthropology can tell us more about what is going on in the world than liberal politics

Koreans first and Americans second: the Los Angeles riots of 1992 showed just how readily ethnic groups will turn on each other

Britons like occasionally to be reassured that Americans are mad. Nothing has made Europe so smug this past year as the cult of political correctness. Cleopatra, apparently, was black; the Parthenon was designed by Africans. The word "lady" is "gender fascism". Nobody is stupid, just "intellectually challenged". American culture is thus shown to be "deep down shallow". It still needs Europe regularly to set it right. The Romans still need the Greeks to teach them reason and proportion.

I wonder. I have just read two essays which suggest that there is more to political correctness than meets the cynic's eye. As often with messages flashed across the Atlantic, they carry the warning: ignore at your peril. There is some method behind the madness.

First to catch my eye was a brilliant piece of futurology by Ernest Gellner in the July 16 issue of the *The Times Literary Supplement*. Some months ago, the Royal Anthropological Institute launched a publicity campaign to bring anthropology closer to everyday life. The campaign implied that no well-ordered family should be without a consultant anthropologist. He would assist in such domestic chores as child abuse, sex discrimination and arguments over Bosnia. The RAI even suggested an anthropology telephone helpline.

Mock not, says Professor Gellner. Social anthropology, the study of the evolution of human communities and cultures, is moving to the centre of the intellectual, and perhaps political, stage. It is elbowing aside economics and political science. Gellner points out that Marxism was not the only thing that should have crashed in the 1980s. Much of social science, the thesis that human societies obey certain universal rules of behaviour, deserved to crash with it.

He agrees that "never in the history of human conflict has there been such a clear verdict, such a dreadful thrashing" as was meted out to communism. But the victor was not capitalism and liberal democracy. The thesis that "history is at an end" is nonsense. Stir the ashes of communism in 1993 and you find not liberal democracy but a reversion to the earliest origins of social behaviour, to ethnicity, tribalism and territoriality. The glue of post-communist communities is not the free-market economy but the chauvinism of individual cultures.

Some social scientists, says Gellner, "behave as if culture simply did not exist, as if it were possible to excogitate principles for, say, the limits of state action which would be valid for all cultures". Such analysts are likely to be hit in the face by one civil war after another. At the last count, 48 civil wars were going on around the globe. Civil wars are rooted not in economics, but in deep loyalties to ancestral tribe, language, religion, culture. As a Bosnian woman said on television: "I want peace and prosperity, but first I want to see Serbs die."

Now turn to my second essay, by the architectural historian Charles Jencks, on Los Angeles. In his fascinating *Heteropolis* (Academy Editions) Jencks picks up where Gellner leaves off. To Jencks, modern Los Angeles is far from the picturesque landscape of Hollywood. It is a confederacy of 13 "major ethnic groups" occupying 18 definable "urban cores". Some are *de facto* city states, speaking Spanish or Chinese or Vietnamese, ruled by gangs and guns. Some, such as Rolling Hills, are fortified towns guarded by private armies and filled with treasure, reminiscent of medieval Tuscany. New forts, such as CityWalk, are designed for "bullet-free shopping".

Jencks points out that Los Angeles is the paradigm migrant city. Forty-four per cent of its adult population was born outside the United States. One million people have arrived there in the past decade. Every Angeleno can claim to be a member of that modern American phenomenon, "a minority group". This city is no melting pot. As in New York, ethnicity has become the focus of communal security. During last year's Los Angeles riots, 90 per cent of Korean retail property was destroyed, mostly by blacks. More people are dying violently in Los Angeles than are dying in most of the world's civil wars: last August's toll of 260 was higher than Bosnia's. When brief ceasefires are called by police or local politicians, they tend to hold, so organised is the warfare.

Simon Jenkins

Jencks examines the cultural uniformity of each of these city statelets: from Watts, the Barrio, Koreatown and Little Saigon to Beverly Hills and Malibu. Most resist anything beyond the most superficial version of a collective American culture. They reject the essence of the 18th-century constitutional settlement, "the atomisation of society into individuals and the suppression of minority cultures". Even the cosmopolitan rich retreat behind high fences and "full armed response" signs. Their liberal consciences are troubled. They defend themselves by bribing less privileged groups with "positive discrimination" and the deferential language of political correctness. To Jencks, "modern liberalism has been challenged by the politics of [cultural] difference". There will be no reversion to the old Anglo-Saxon politics. The Third World has come to the first.

The comfortable European response is to tell America to pull itself together and remember the rights of the individual and the universal tenets of democracy. One-person-one-vote must resolve all these niggling ethnic conflicts. The world's great cities will absorb the millions of migrants, more of whom are apparently on the move now than ever this century. The only thing Los Angeles needs — like all the world's migrant cities — is an honest mayor, a good bus service and a welfare state.

I wonder. Is that all Sarajevo needed, or Beirut or Johannesburg? For decades Belfast has enjoyed as much "good government" as money can buy. Yet it is the most divided and militarised city in Europe outside Bosnia. Its politics are group politics. The language of Protestant versus Catholic makes America's political correctness seem a passing quirk.

So, as Gellner would say, don't be fooled. From Somalia to Estonia, from Los Angeles to Kashmir, embattled tribes (however defined) are demanding recognition as groups not as individuals. Deny them group rights, abuse their cultures, beliefs, languages or dialects, and they will come and kill you. They will become enemies of your state. Perhaps like the Slovenians and Slovaks, they will demand to leave it. They want jobs, subsidies, compensation for past grievances, "politically correct" treatment. You can tut-tut from your armchair as long as you like, but when minorities withdraw consent, democracy collapses.

Whatever tools I need to grapple with these questions, I find that those supplied by economics and political science are inadequate. Their certainties lead them down blind alleys: such as advising proportional representation for African states, or offering economic sanctions as a means of toppling tribal dictators. The Somalian escapade, promoted to "pave the way for free elections", was a reduction to absurdity of this universalism.

Jencks looks to architecture to salve some of the wounds of these civil conflicts. I fear this is visionary. Architecture may be a symptom of cultural division, but only in the most dirigiste states, such as the former Soviet Union, or in some of Europe's socialist-run cities, is it a vehicle of ethnic engineering.

Most states, including democracies, that are composed of diverse cultural groups must look to other remedies. They must revise their constitutions if they wish to halt centrifugalism and partition. They must devolve power to local or regional government. And nowadays they must do it so as to embrace, without capitulating to, sub-national group identities. Already the American courts are gerrymandering election boundaries to ensure a "balance" of ethnic representation in Congress. This may seem a deplorable perversion of the sanctity of one-person-one-vote. But it reflects a demand that will not disappear.

As for who should guide us down these treacherous alleys, I am with Gellner. Goodbye political economists. Dial-an-anthropologist, his hour has come.

Tories on offer

COULD THE Conservative party be resorting to the tactics of desperation? Its failure to get its message across after two by-election defeats in this country appears to have persuaded Central Office to try elsewhere. Everyone on the Tory candidates' list has been asked if they would like to go to Eastern Europe.

This is not, Central Office hastens to add, a term of Siberian banishment. Rather, an attempt to encourage those on the list to take their skills to fledgeling democracies.

"I am writing to colleagues ... to see if you might be interested in the possibility of being an adviser in Eastern Europe," writes Tory party vice chairman Sir Geoffrey Pattie in the candidates' mailshot this week. He advises them that their "considerable reservoir of talent" could be put to good use overseas.

Central Office insists that its standing in Eastern Europe is unimpaired by the lacklustre performance at home. "We are still regarded as having a modicum of ability," says John Guthrie, head of the party's international office. "And the parties of the centre-right in Eastern Europe say they want people with experience of campaigning, speech-writing and policy-making."

But Eastern Europe will have to get by without the Tories' most experienced hands. Seven candidates have so far expressed interest. "But I can confirm that neither Rob Hayward nor Julian Davidson (the losers at Newbury and Christchurch) have written in yet," says a spokesman.

● *ONE of Stewart Granger's less memorable performances was as the virtuoso violinist Niccolo Paganini in* The Magic Bow, *shot in the summer of 1946. Strangely, he was forced to fight for the role against Lord Menuhin, who fancied the part. The rest is history. "Yehudi Menuhin's unconvincing delivery of the lines required for the love scene in the film brought his acting career to an immediate halt," says Jutta Schall-Emden, the noble lord's music librarian. So Menuhin played backstage while Granger mimed vigorously.*

DIARY

Trashed

ANNOYED by people who rustle sweet-papers in the theatre? Be thankful you weren't at the Theatre Royal, Stratford East, in the 1880s. An extensive refurbishment of the East End theatre, which has put it out of action for the summer, has revealed bucket-loads of theatregoing detritus beneath the floorboards. The accumulated rubbish ranges from the common peanut, through now rather out-dated auditorium fodder, such as walnuts and whelks, to the quite extraordinary — coconuts.

Pass the nutcracker, Sweet

According to Philip Hedley, the theatre's artistic director, a review of *Richelieu* in 1884 noted that the "manager had to come out during the show and ask people in the gallery to stop cracking nuts as it was distracting the concentration of the actors."

Fringe news

A CONSPICUOUS absentee from this year's Edinburgh Festival has been Frank Dunlop, its director from 1983 to 1991, who condemned the fringe, shortly before stepping down, as a "third rate circus".

Yesterday, however, Dunlop said his absence has nothing to do with antipathy to the festival. Speaking just before flying off to Brussels to start work on his next project, a Europe-wide production of *Cyrano de Bergerac*, Dunlop said: "I would like to go next year but I think it would be hard on the new director if I went this year — it would be like the spectre at the feast." More likely, Dunlop's mind is elsewhere. As well as planning a Viking museum in Dublin, he is currently raising money for *Heathcliff*, a new musical based on Emily Brontë's *Wuthering Heights*, which will star Cliff Richard, with music by John Farrar and lyrics by Tim Rice. "We might even", he threatens, "take it to the fringe."

Stalled stallion

JOHN Major may have finally worked out how to evacuate the sick and wounded from Bosnia, but the problem of getting one perfectly fit Akhal-Teke stallion out of Turkmenistan appears no closer to being resolved.

Maksat, as the horse is called, was given to the prime minister by President Niyazov of Turkmenistan as a 50th birthday present in March. But the stallion is still languishing in a state-controlled stud in the former Soviet republic.

"The latest delay is due to the hot weather," says Regine Lansley, of the Epsom-based Russian Horse Society, which will supervise the air-lift. "You just can't get air-conditioned horse boxes. We hope to fly him out now on Aeroflot. Britain will pay for it, I imagine."

She hopes Maksat, a three-year-old golden dun stallion, will arrive in Britain for Christmas. After that a career in the Household Cavalry beckons. "They are really elegant, aristocratic horses, although people say they are impatient with idiots," says Lansley.

"However, they are incredibly loyal. They were bred originally to carry their riders in the mountains for days on end." Sounds ideal for the prime minister.

If stuck, print your own

The Kurds of northern Iraq will soon be queueing up to buy the first postage stamps in their history. They have been forced to print their own because of Iraq's refusal to allow them to use Iraqi stamps. So instead of the head of Saddam Hussein, Kurdish stamps will bear a photograph of the parliament building in Arbil.

"We are a bit nervous about it," says Hussain Sinjari, the deputy minister of transport, who is visiting London. "We will be accused of separatism. Even though many of our people hated using stamps with the portrait of Saddam Hussein on them, we would have preferred that."

The stamps come in one, two, and three Iraqi dinar denominations, but can only be used within Kurdish northern Iraq. As a result, the stamps, which for £10 can be bought from the Iraqi National Congress in Kensington, are likely to appeal more to political sympathisers than philatelists.

David Aggersberg, catalogue editor of Stanley Gibbons, explains: "Issuing stamps is easy. Getting them used is the difficult bit. To get into our catalogue the stamps would have to be used for international post. The Universal Postal Union, which is part of the UN, regulates the international postal services. They would have to sanction the stamps. Iraq will object."

However, the first batch of stamps do have a very collectible defect — the printers ran out of glue. Buyers, Kurdish or otherwise, will have to supply their own.

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WRONG WAY FOR LABOUR

Profits and enterprise, not government, are the key to growth

Gordon Brown, the Labour Party's chief economic spokesman, is often accused of being long on diagnosis but short on prescription. Yesterday, with the publication of his party's definitive new policy document, "Labour's economic approach", Mr Brown sought to challenge this charge. In a separate speech to launch the document, Mr Brown also tried to calm the justified fears about taxation which helped to lose Labour the last election. But taxes hardly figured in the policy document itself. It was with his broad economic philosophy, rather than his ambivalent reassurance that Labour would "not tax for its own sake", that Mr Brown clearly wished to impress.

To say that he failed is an understatement. If anything, the new document proves that the conventional critique of Labour's prescriptions and diagnosis is the wrong way round. Mr Brown's policy proposals may be vague and, in some cases, unwise; but they are marvels of intellectual clarity compared with his wrong-headed analysis of what ails the British economy.

Mr Brown rightly argued that Britain's present favorable economic statistics, especially in relation to the rest of Europe, have been flattered by the fact that we are coming out of a long and deep recession. This cyclical advantage should not distract attention from the "long-term weaknesses of the British economy that have yet to be tackled". But what are these long-term weaknesses? Mr Brown says that unemployment, excessive public borrowing, inflation, and unsustainable trade deficits are all just "symptoms of a more fundamental problem — the shrinking capacity of the British economy, our low levels of growth and the long-term failure to invest in ourselves".

Few would disagree that growth and investment are desirable, but Mr Brown does not seem to realise that these are the objectives of economic policy, not its instruments. The question, therefore, is what Labour would do to achieve and sustain rapid growth and to increase profitable investment in Britain to the levels prevailing in the world's most successful economies. Mr Brown seems to think he has answered this question with a host of detailed proposals, divided into four groups: more initiatives for training; new institutions to subsidise uncommercial investment; private-public partnerships to replace privatisation; and more active policies for the long-term unemployed.

Mr Brown's package includes some sensible ideas — for example, the offer of a training place to the long-term unemployed, which bears some resemblance to Mr Major's controversial ruminations about workfare. But this package would do little to stimulate private investment or growth.

Labour does not yet accept that the origins of growth and investment lie in profits and entrepreneurial freedom. It still firmly believes that Britain's economic performance has deteriorated in the 1980s and blames the application of "crude Tory free market dogma" to the supply-side of the economy.

In reality Britain's investment performance improved spectacularly during the mid-1980s, before the demand side of the economy relapsed into a boom-bust cycle. The reason why the 1980s was a finally disappointing decade had far more to do with monetary and fiscal mismanagement than with deregulation and privatisation. The main cause of the unsustainable boom and inflation in 1988 and 1989 was a series of errors in monetary and fiscal policy, as well as speculative distortions in the housing market. What turned the subsequent recession into an economic disaster was not adherance to "crude free-market dogma" but the wrong-headed determination to manipulate the foreign exchanges — a policy to which Labour wants to return.

The government's main role in the economy should be to create the monetary and fiscal conditions that promote investment and non-inflationary growth. It is not to invest money directly, or create public-sector jobs. Until Labour understands this, its economic strategy will not convince.

OCCUPIED EAST TIMOR

Indonesia must be made to rescind its illegal annexation

Indonesia marked 48 years of independence yesterday. For 18 of those it has robbed the people of East Timor of theirs. President Suharto, who has ruled, seldom gently, for over a quarter of a century, told a puppet parliament that he was "aware that frictions, conflicts or even controversies" existed, but that Indonesians "must develop the rules to solve these in a peaceful, ethical, fair and civilised manner". East Timor's reduction to a state of vassalage has been violent, unethical, unfair and uncivilised.

Indonesia is in illegal occupation of East Timor, a former Portuguese colony whose right to independence Portugal champions. Forcible annexation violates the UN Charter and customary international law. President Saddam Hussein was compelled to realise that, as was General Galtieri. But Jakarta has ignored, with complete impunity, several resolutions of the UN Security Council and General Assembly calling for the withdrawal of Indonesian troops and upholding the Timorese right to self-determination.

Seeking to mollify critics of Indonesia's human rights record, President Suharto has pared the sentence of Xanana Gusmão, the jailed Timorese resistance leader, from life to 20 years. This is an empty palliative. Mr Gusmão's imprisonment in May for "rebellion" and "conspiracy to set up a separate state" was objectionable in substance and procedure. Indonesia has no right to try him because it has no right to be on the territory to which he belongs. The illegality is so fundamental that it vitiates the trial *in toto*. That said, it seems almost banal to note the following: he did not have a counsel of his own choosing; no security was provided for defence witnesses; the governor of occupied East Timor banned officials from testifying and many of the prosecution witnesses were themselves in military custody. The trial was not open to the public; translation facilities were woeful; and, the crowning disgrace, Mr Gusmão's statement was excluded by the court as "irrelevant".

Indonesia treats occupied East Timor as *lebensraum*. Only Bahasa Indonesia is taught in schools, not Portuguese or the indigenous Tetum. A third of the population is immigrant, and the Timorese are facing cultural death by demography. Since the UN does not recognise Indonesia's writ, all such migration is illegal. There has, of course, been death of a more conventional cut: over 200,000 Timorese have died since Indonesia invaded in December 1975.

World reaction has been shamefully feeble. America has treated General Suharto with kid gloves. Indonesia, Britain's third largest arms customer, recently closed a deal worth £500 million for British Aerospace Hawks. Perhaps for these reasons, Douglas Hurd, when extending credit in April to Jakarta worth £65 million, said, egregiously, that it would not be a "sensible and fruitful thing" to link aid to human rights.

Washington has now woken up. President Clinton has blocked the resale of F-5E jets by Jordan to Indonesia. But the EC has failed to swing its weight behind Portugal's diplomatic campaign. Britain should use its permanent seat on the UN Security Council to insist that Indonesia be subjected to sharp sanctions until it unconditionally vacates occupied East Timor. Port Stanley and Dili are on the same side of the same coin.

LONG RED LINE

History to the right of them, history to the left of them

A garden and monument to the British dead in the Crimean War, and a museum in Sebastopol which was flattened by Royal Naval bombardment during the siege, are to be opened next month. They have been created by the initiative of a former colonel in the Soviet army, funded by the Sebastopol city authorities and the British embassy in Kiev, and liberally supplied with exhibits from museums in the United Kingdom and the Ukraine. Sebastopol still ranks as a closed city because of its position as headquarters of the Black Sea fleet, over which the Ukraine and Russia are in dispute. But it is easier to get into than it has been for the past century, and now it will have a memorial to the events of 1854-5 that wrote its name on the world map.

Although war memorials lie too thick over the surface of the earth, a memorial in the Crimea has more purpose than most. In an overused phrase, that campaign really was a turning-point. It pulled down the curtain on war perceived (by the rulers, generals and other non-combatants) as the theatre of glory. Better than most wars, it illustrated the long march of folly, having been fought ostensibly for control of the Christian shrines in Jerusalem, and in practice to prevent Russia getting control of Constantinople and the other bones of the Ottoman empire. The campaign was notable for the vicarious blood-thirstiness of the politicians far away from the blood and bombs; the muddle, incompetence and querulousness displayed by all the commanders; and the dogged heroism and suffering of the soldiers on both sides.

The Crimea was the inchoate people's war, producing the first proper military hospital and the first honest war reporting of the modern world, as well as the fall of the British government from popular outrage at William Howard Russell's dispatches. Hallam Tennyson recalled in his *Memoir* that his father had scribbled "The Charge of the Light Brigade" in a few minutes after reading *The Times* in which occurred the phrase "some one had blundered", and that this fixed the metre of his poem, which glorifies soldiers but not war.

The leader-writer, egged on by his editor, Delane, in fact thundered of "some hideous blunder". But the resulting poem was no less resounding for that. Some English children still learn it by heart. Some others may soon be taking nostalgic theme tours over the sites of the Alma and the charge of the Light Brigade. This memorial should be the first of many instances of friendly economic, trading and cultural co-operation between the Ukraine and the United Kingdom. But it will also mark how from Sarajevo and Somalia to the fragments of the Tsar's old empire, mankind continually has to relearn its Crimean lessons with blood and tears.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Secure juvenile remand homes in the private sector

From Councillor Stan Skinkis

Sir, The proposal that private operators and voluntary organisations might run new secure remand accommodation for juvenile offenders (report and leading article, August 17) is very curious.

Currently there is accommodation for 200 juveniles in secure remand facilities run by local authorities. In order to prevent remand of juveniles to prison a further 65 places have been planned for some time and will be provided by local authorities. Some are already under construction.

The government is clearly convinced that its juvenile justice policies will lead to even more children being locked up and it apparently wishes to have them dealt with by private operators.

The Home Office knows already from the response from voluntary organisations to its initiative for 200 secure training places for 12-15-year-olds (report, March 3) that the large reputable voluntary organisations will have nothing to do with such proposals.

Secure remand is not merely custodial — it must be fully integrated with education, with plans for return to the community, for liaison with families and for community support. All of these are major *local* government activities: it is *local* government which can develop consistent standards and procedures. It is also *local* government which is fully accountable — something which is of vital importance when individuals are deprived of their liberty. Unless the existing network of inter-agency co-operation, which has been so important to the success of juvenile justice policies over the past ten years, is retained and expanded, it is likely that the policies from the Department of Health will be merged with the harder-edged policies of Michael Howard's Home Office, which is believed to be putting the finishing touches to the minister's planned tendering procedures for 200 secure places for young offenders.

The worst possible scenario is that some of the 12-15-year-olds would be locked up in private penal establishments alongside older children on remand in one complex. The prospect does not bear thinking about.

Yours etc,
STAN SKINKIS
(Vice-Chairman,
Social Services Committee),
Association of Metropolitan Authorities,
35 Great Smith Street,
Westminster, SW1.
August 17.

From Mr J. B. Carter

Sir, If the private sector is to run secure homes for disturbed and dangerous children, then surely it is the time for the health secretary to decide on the structure of such homes.

It is a scandal that, for example, children who have been the victims of sexual abuse within the home, who may be so disturbed that they need to be placed in a secure unit, are then placed in such a unit along with children who have been convicted of sexual offences.

By and large the public is wholly unaware that children who are in care through no fault of their own may be placed by a local authority in the same institution as convicted child criminals and that those convicted child criminals may have been found guilty of the most serious offences, including murder, rape and arson.

I would put two questions to the health secretary. Since we would not place adults who are mentally disturbed in an adult prison, why do we allow children without conviction to be placed in the same institution as those who *have* been convicted?

Secondly, is it desirable for children who have suffered sexual abuse within the home to be placed with children of the opposite sex who have been similarly abused during the sexually formative years of adolescence?

Surely we should revert at least in part to a more old-fashioned type of children's home, some of which are deliberately single-sex to avoid the obvious pitfalls.

As a solicitor dealing with child care, I am aware of instances where children have allegedly been abused within the home and then raped — in one case raped several times — whilst in local authority care.

Yours sincerely,
J. B. CARTER,
Siloam Manor, Mierscourt Road,
Rainham, Kent.
August 16.

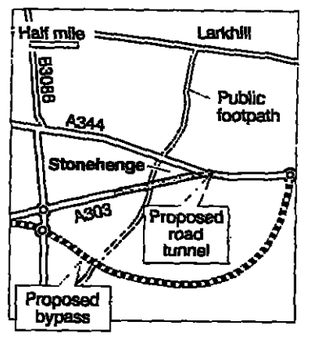
Controversy over Stonehenge views

From Sir Vidia Naipaul and others

Sir, The historic landscape south of Stonehenge, now under threat, was described by Lord Denning in the Court of Appeal in 1980 as "a stretch of land from which ... you get the best view of Stonehenge: a clear wide open view such as people have had for thousands of years".

One of the two routes proposed for the improved A303 (report, July 22, early editions) would destroy that stretch of land, which is part of a World Heritage Site designated by Unesco. Such sites are considered to be of such exceptional importance that protecting them is a matter for mankind as a whole.

The threatened land, which forms habitat for larks, lapwings, stone curlews and English partridges, would be destroyed for ever, and for the sake merely of upgrading the existing A303. It is crucial that this upgrading be carried out without delay by cut-and-cover on the existing route.



Five million drivers use the existing A303 each year. If the new route is chosen, they will be deprived of the outstanding view of Stonehenge which they now enjoy driving west from Amesbury. This act of vandalism must be prevented at all costs.

Yours faithfully,
V. S. NAIPAUL,
†JOHN BICKERSTETH,
A. W. C. EDWARDS,
RICHARD STILGOE,
Salterton House, Salterton,
Salisbury, Wiltshire.
August 7.

From Mr Robert Thurner

Sir, I was both encouraged and exasperated by the findings of English Heritage's latest survey (report, August 6) which reveals that 41 per cent of 3,000 respondents support proposals for a new centre for visitors to Stonehenge at Larkhill, about a mile to the north of the stones.

In May 1991 English Heritage commissioned a similar survey to coincide with its lodging, together with the National Trust, of a joint planning application with Salisbury District Council.

That survey found that 65 per cent of respondents to a questionnaire circulated at an exhibition held in Salisbury supported their proposals for a centre at Larkhill.

Later in 1991, English Heritage and the National Trust voluntarily commissioned independent experts to conduct an extensive assessment of all the environmental issues connected with their proposals; and in August 1992, they held a competition to appoint a design team for a new centre. The competition was won by the architects Edward Cullinan with a design for Larkhill, for which there is a broad consensus among English Heritage.

Having worked on the presentation of the first English Heritage proposals to local, national and special interest groups, I find it frustrating that additional public funds have been spent on repeated opinion research.

I hope English Heritage will be reassured by its latest survey to persevere with existing proposals and put an end to this debate without further expense or delay.

Yours sincerely,
ROBERT THURNER,
1 Cabul Road, SW11.
August 7.

Dorset caravan sites

From Mr Ceri Fisher

Sir, The exposure by Simon Jenkins ("Sprawl of immobile homes", August 7) of the deplorable state of so many coastal caravan sites is timely (letters, August 16).

The Chideock Society, in west Dorset, was formed to defend one of the most spectacular coastal landscapes on the south coast of Britain (Golden Cap, thankfully secured for the nation by the National Trust, is its crowning glory). Planning decisions in the past have been neither even-handed nor properly administered, and local residents have been almost powerless.

Recently the society has taken some encouragement from the fact that the Secretary of State for the Environment has issued stricter planning policy guidance notes (PPGs 20 and 21, 1992) which endorse the principles of protection for the heritage coast and call for improvements in the environmental quality of coastal caravan sites. Local plans are to be used to examine the scope for relocation, site reorganisation, landscaping and numbers on sites.

As a society we are opposed to further incongruous tourist development within the heritage coast and support the Countryside Commission's priority for the removal of eyesore caravan sites from the coast by the year 2000. Static caravans cause the greatest visual impact and in Chideock the numbers on one site alone have increased by more than 115 per cent since 1988 and now, at more than 200, are almost equal to the number of permanent homes in the village.

I realise that this is a cry for help from one society in a small community of 650 people but, in our defence of the heritage coast, we are trying to save for the nation and for the enjoyment of future generations one of its most limited resources.

Yours faithfully,
CERI FISHER
(Chairman), The Chideock Society,
St Mary's, Pettycrate Lane,
Chideock, Bridport, Dorset.

From Councillor L. J. Lock

Sir, Simon Jenkins recognises a problem, but identifies the wrong cause. What the visitor to our coastlines sees is not an *expansion* of caravan and camping sites, but an *intensification* of their use.

Here in Dorset we certainly do see larger and more permanent caravans on concrete bases, connected to sewerage, water and electrical services — modern trailer tents look more like caravans than the tents of past decades. Today's insulated caravan is suitable for occupation by holiday-makers all the year round.

Intensification of use can also mean more permanent buildings on sites, with self-catering shops, swimming pools and entertainment buildings to be found on all large campsites. These are the trends that give Simon Jenkins the impression of a "sprawl of immobile homes".

The solution to this problem does not lie in tightening up planning policies. That has been done. It is virtually impossible to gain planning permission for a new caravan site anywhere along the coast of England.

West Dorset District Council is seeking a partnership between the site operators, parish councils, local communities and the local authorities. To this end, we have recently published a report from a local landscape architect, which concludes that the development of existing caravan parks is still sustainable within an economically fragile and sensitive environment.

A spirit of tolerance will enable us to act in the wider public interest and to reduce the impact of these sites on our beautiful coastline.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN LOCK
(Chairman, Development and Planning Committee),
West Dorset District Council,
58-60 High West Street,
Dorchester, Dorset.

In a fix over fax

From Mrs Jenny Dickinson

Sir, Dr Palmer's need for a new fax word (letter, August 16) to replace the absurd "enclosed" is, I'm sure, shared by many people. As I am faxing this letter to you without a cover sheet, it gives me no opportunity to use my suggestion — "affaxed" — but perhaps that's just as well.

Yours faithfully,
JENNY DICKINSON,
30 Silvermead,
Worminghall, Buckinghamshire.

From Mr Raymond Griffin

Sir, Dr Palmer shouldn't have fallen for the "cover" sheet ploy in the first place. It will have been invented by either the phone companies or the paper manufacturers (or both) to boost profits.

But, if he insists, it is obviously a "leader" and the adjective he is seeking is "following".

Yours (without a cover sheet) faithfully,
RAYMOND GRIFFIN,
16 Surrey Drive, West Kirby, Wirral.
August 17.

From Mr J. P. Jenkinson

Sir, "Herewith" or better still "hereafter" are perfectly adapted to facsimile correspondence.

Yours faithfully,
J. P. JENKINSON,
Triplet & Associés,
13 Boulevard de la Liberté,
59040 Lille, France.
August 16.

From Mr Gregory Morgan

Sir, I "annex" copies to my faxes.

Yours faithfully,
GREGORY MORGAN,
Highfield Flat, 74a Reigate Hill,
Reigate, Surrey.
August 17.

From Mr J. H. C. Leach

Sir, Dr Palmer might use "subjoined".

Yours etc,
J. H. C. LEACH,
159 Southwood Lane, N6.
August 16.

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Doubly honoured?

From Mr I. A. Lashbrooke

Sir, The prime minister's drive for improved access to the honours system appears to be working. I recently received an official request to support a nomination made in 1991. As I recognised the name and the original letter, and remembered supporting the nomination at the time, I am left wondering whether the individual concerned may now receive a bar to the MBE awarded in 1992.

Yours faithfully,
IAN LASHBROOKE
(Chief Executive),
The Royal Star & Garter Home for Disabled Sailors, Soldiers & Airmen,
Richmond, Surrey.
August 16.

Marble halls

From Mr P. R. Millest

Sir, Can it really be true (Diary, August 13) that Mr Patten (Chris), presumably aided and abetted by his pals Major and Clarke, is spending more than half a million pounds in refurbishing Government House, Hong Kong, when in four years it will be occupied by the Chinese?

If it is true, when all our social services are being ruthlessly pruned to save money, it is a major scandal, and heads should roll.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
P. R. MILLEST,
4 East Street,
Sydling St Nicholas,
Dorchester, Dorset.
August 14.

India 'at war'

From the Acting High Commissioner of India

Sir, The article by Mr Bernard Levin entitled "India's army on the rampage" (August 10) made shocking reading — shocking because of his reputation as a journalist and his "abiding love for India". On both counts, one would have expected a presentation of the situation in Kashmir which was not over-simplified, more balanced and much more objective.

It is particularly sad to note Mr Levin's compliment to terrorists because "they did not indiscriminately slaughter their opponents". The 400,000 Kashmiris who have fled the Kashmir Valley because of the murders, kidnappings, rapes, ethnic cleansing and various intimidatory activities by terrorists would surely have a different view. Would Mr Levin wish to comment on last week's selective killing by terrorists of 15 Hindu passengers in a bus in Kashmir (report, August 16)?

In your editorial of August 12 you say that "India is at war in Kashmir". But this is a proxy war imposed on India by Pakistan, which trains and arms several thousand youths — now joined by mercenaries and fundamentalists from other countries (report, August 7).

In this proxy war, terrorism, religious fundamentalism and a well-oiled disinformation campaign have forged an alliance to pose a challenge to India's secular and democratic framework and its territorial integrity.

Terrorists, not the security forces, target civilians; they also have a vested interest in preventing revival of the democratic political process — which is why militants who begin even a discreet dialogue with the government are often attacked.

We would expect friends of India to be conscious of India's track record in dealing with internal problems posed by its ethnic, linguistic and other diversities in a humane and democratic way, and to realise that in the free and open society that India is, it is simply not possible for large-scale excesses of the kind alleged to be committed by security forces to go unreported, uninvestigated or unpunished.

In recent months, the Indian government has meticulously investigated allegations of human rights abuse, produced detailed reports and punished those guilty where punishment was merited. But in a vast majority of cases, the allegations had no basis.

As the Punjab situation has shown, it is only when the back of terrorism is broken that the exercise of democratic rights can be restored to the people. However difficult the process might be, it will be repeated in Kashmir; but the world must recognise that it is terrorism which is the enemy of democracy and human rights.

Yours faithfully,
K. V. RAJAN,
The High Commission of India,
India House, Aldwych, WC2.
August 16.

Our kind of town

From Mr Robert Christie

Sir, Your "Focus on Welsh Tourism" (July 14) described Llanwrtyd Wells as Britain's smallest village. I have the honour to be, Sir, in the words of my daughter Charlotte, the smallest *town* clerk in Britain.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT CHRISTIE (Clerk),
Llanwrtyd Wells Town Council,
Llandovery Road,
Llanwrtyd Wells, Powys,
August 12.

Green-shoot spotting

From Mr D. S. Wolff

Sir, At one time, I believe, a nation's prosperity could be judged by the number of tower cranes to be seen. Other than statistics, what should we regard these days as tangible evidence that the much-heralded recovery is under way?

Yours etc,
D. S. WOLFF,
Whiteways, Woodham Waye,
Woking, Surrey.

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SOCIAL NEWS

Forthcoming marriages

Mr N.M. Brown and Miss E.J.E.P. Finlayson
The engagement is announced between Nicholas Michael, elder son of Mr and Mrs Michael Brown, of Duxford, Cambridge, and Evelyn Jane Esther Patricia, elder daughter of the late Mr G.B.A.M. Finlayson and of Mrs Finlayson, of Newlands, Glasgow.

Dr J. Chalmers and Miss J.J. Reglinski
The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Dr and Mrs R.B. Chalmers, of Saffron Walden, Essex, and Julia, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R.C. Reglinski, of Kirkcaldy, Fife.

Mr N.L. Jamieson and Miss E.A. Wright
The engagement is announced between Nicholas Léon, eldest son of Mr Bernard Jamieson, of Hackney, and of Mrs Angela Jamieson, of Trearddur Bay, and Elizabeth Alexandra, daughter of Commander and Mrs David Wright, of Greenwich.

Mr C.N. Kandel and Miss T.M.N. Cox
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs Nelson Kandel, of Ruxton, Maryland, USA, and Tanya, daughter of Mr and Mrs Neill Cox, of Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.

Mr A.P.S. Presland and Mrs S.J. Daniels
The engagement is announced between Andrew, second son of Mr and Mrs Peter Presland, of Ickham, Kent, and Sandra Jean Daniels, youngest daughter of Mrs Margaret Meads, of Isleworth, Middlesex.

Royal engagements

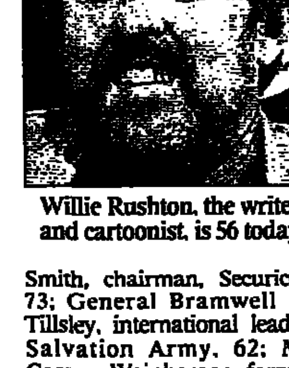
The Princess Royal will visit Proctor's Children's Home, Aberdeenshire, at noon; will visit Stewart Milne Group, Westhill, at 12.25; will visit Ashdale Hall, Westhill, at 12.55; will open Westhill swimming pool, Aberdeenshire, at 1.10; will visit Roxburghe House, Aberdeen, at 2.45; and will open the Beach End project at Aberdeen Football Club at 4.00.

Latest wills

Herbert Edmund Davies, Lord Edmund-Davies of Aberpennar, of Bricklehampton, Hereford and Worcestershire, a former Lord of Appeal, left estate valued at £444,947 net.
He left £5,000 each to Castle Street Welsh Baptist Chapel, London W1, and the Cheshire Foundation.

Birthdays today

Professor R.M. Acheson, epidemiologist, 72; Mr Brian Aldiss, science fiction writer, 68; Sir Bryan Askew, chairman, Yorkshire Regional Health Authority, 63; Dame Josephine Barnes, obstetrician and gynaecologist, 81; Dr F.R. Bettley, dermatologist, 84; Sir James Birrell, former chief executive, Halifax Building Society, 60; Mr Neil Durden-Smith, sports commentator, 60; Mr Godfrey Evans, cricketer, 73; Lord Grantchester, QC, 72; Mr Robert Horton, former chairman, BP, 54; Dame Moura Lympany, concert pianist, 77; Sir John Mason, former director-general, Meteorological Office, 70; Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, 65; Sir David Pitblado, civil servant, 81; Mr Roman Polanski, film director, 60; Mr Justice Potts, 62; Mr Robert Redford, actor, 56; Mr Patrick Shovelton, civil aviation and shipping expert, 74; Mr P.A.C. Smith, chairman, Securicor, 73; General Bramwell H. Tillsley, international leader, Salvation Army, 62; Mr Caspar Weinberger, former American Secretary of Defence, 76; Mr Charles Wilson, managing director, Mirror Group Newspapers, 58; Professor J.S.G. Wilson, economist, 77; Miss Shelley Winters, actress, 71.


Willie Rushton, the writer and cartoonist, is 56 today

Marriages

Mr M.J. Smith and Miss Y. Maxtone Graham
The marriage of Mr Michael James Smith and Miss Ysenda Maxtone Graham took place on August 14, at Sandwich Parish Church, followed by a reception at the bride's home and birthplace. They are to be known as Mr and Mrs Michael Maxtone-Smith.

Mr P.J. van Grutten and Miss F.L. Birkett
The marriage took place on Saturday, August 14 at St Marys, Alderley, of Mr Philip van Grutten, second son of the late Mr John van Grutten and of Dr Mary van Grutten, of Wrotham, Kent, to Miss Fiona Birkett, eldest daughter of the late Mr Dion Birkett and of Mrs Birkett, of Alderley Edge, Cheshire. The Rev Peter Roberts officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr Robert Birkett, was attended by Miss Laura Johnson, Alice van Grutten and James Mitchell. Mr Christopher Perkins was best man.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Brook Taylor, mathematician, Edmonton, Middlesex, 1685; Laurence Shirley, 4th Earl Ferrers, 1720; Antonio Salieri, composer, Legnano, Italy, 1750; Meriwether Lewis, explorer, Charlottesville, Virginia, 1774; Fabian Bellinghausen, Polar explorer, Osel, Russia, 1779; John Russell, Earl Russell, prime minister 1846-52 and 1865-66, London, 1792; Franz Joseph I, Emperor of Austria, King of Hungary, Vienna, 1830; Alain Robbe-Grillet, writer and film director, Brest, 1922.

DEATHS: Genghis Khan, Mongol emperor 1175-1227, Mongolia, 1227; Guido Reni, painter, Bologna, 1642; James Beattie, poet, Aberdeen, 1803; André-Jacques Garnerin, aeronaut, Paris, 1823; Honoré de Balzac, novelist, Paris, 1850; Sir William Fairbairn, Bt, engineer, Moor Park, Surrey, 1874; William Henry Hudson, author and naturalist, London, 1922; Sir Frederick Ashton, ballet dancer and choreographer, Suffolk, 1988.

The National Fire Service was established in Britain, 1941.

The *Queen Mary* was sold to the town of Long Beach, California, 1967.

Church news

The Rev Robin Spittle, Vicar, Shotley: to be *also* Priest-in-charge, Copdock w Washbrook and Bentley and Tattingstone (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich).

BARRY GREENWOOD

Journey into the past: a narrow boat travels by a listed historic warehouse in Burnley, Lancashire, that is one of three to be restored in a £1.5 million scheme. The project on the Leeds-Liverpool canal was launched yesterday with the cost being met by the British Waterways Board and Lancashire County Council, with help from the European Development Fund (John Young writes). David Ingman, British Waterways chairman, said the restoration demonstrated its commitment to the inland waterways heritage and was an example of the company working with local authorities to improve the environment. Terry Horan, the canal manager, said the early 19th century buildings represented an integral part of the heritage of east Lancashire and its unique canalside architecture. Building of the canal was authorised in 1770 and, at 127 miles, it is easily the longest single canal in Britain. The first lock-free section, between Bingley and Skipton, West Yorkshire, was opened within three years, but the full length was not completed until nearly 40 years later, at a cost of £1.2 million. The three warehouses are Burnley Wharf, pictured, and Rose Grove, in Burnley, and Canal Warehouse, in Nelson. George Slynn, chairman of the council's planning, industrial development and tourism committee, said the project showed the benefits of partnership to bring about environmental regeneration.

15th century drawbridge hailed as rare find

ONE of the best-preserved medieval timber bridges in England has been uncovered in West Yorkshire. Built of oak, it spanned the moat at Wood Hall, near Pontefract, ancient home of the Gascoigne family (Norman Hammond writes).

Dating to the 15th century, the bridge is a rare example of a domestic drawbridge, according to Vivienne Metcalf, the excavation director. It has a box-like structure of stout timbers on the land side, matched by a projecting area between the two stone towers of the gatehouse within the moat. The gap between, about 5ft, was spanned by the drawbridge, providing a modest but effective deterrent.

Around 1625 the gatehouse collapsed, and in about 1680 the gap was filled in with rubble, turning the bridge into a causeway, and making access to the 3.5 acre moated enclosure easier. These events are dated by pottery and pip fragments. Other finds include a high-heeled leather shoe and a Venetian enamelled glass goblet.

The excavation will be open to the public on National Archaeology Day (August 29) and on September 11-12.

1992-1993 Bar Vocational Course results

List (in order of merit) for the 1992-3 Bar Vocational Course by Training and Assessment:

Outstanding: A J Maclean (G); N J Shea (M); D E Robinson (G); J J W Lee (G); D C Quest (G); P M Stanley (M); P A Stansfield (I); G E J Calvert-Lee (M); S J Ferrari (G); N S Grahame (M); J B Lloyd-Jones.

Very Competent: J Crawford (L); M J Davie (M); A D Lindsay (I); G P McPherson (G); D Z Toledano (I); J K McLeish (G); A J Antelme (G); J P Cooper (L); E R Deacon (I); N J Rushton (G); C A R Weston (M); A G Haydon (G); J L Strafford (M); A J Verduyn (L); T P W Grant (M); S J Trafalgar-Phillips (L); P Wright (I); C D Barr (G); M H Nicholson (M); A F Slaughter (M); J C Taylor (M); NP Dougherty (G); R G S Adams (I); J R C Altham (G); R L Campbell (I); M I Castiel (M); G H Crown (M); D J Forsdick (G); A J Friar (M); S A Henderson (I); D A Barnett (L); P R Burns (G); A Fraser-Urquhart (M); D J Green (L); R N handyside (L); D J Maunder (M); T M Grace (M); S L Leek (G); A J O'Brien (I); R G Evans (L); D Field (L); J A B Gavin (I); N C Terras (L); C E Wilson (M); T R Mates (M); R C Peat (G); J P Tew (L); R D Williams (G); T Wesel (M); M E G Harper (L); F E Henderson (L); R C Heybrook (I); D B Taylor (L); C G Williams (G); E C A Woolf (I); P M A Coombe (M); A P Fuller (G); M Bleasdale (L); A M Darbishire (I); T E Mackesy (I); R A Orme (L); R J Viney (M); T E J Bannister (M); E N Burgess (I); S J Richardson (I); C P Row (L); S M Turner (M); C V Brown (M); R J Gay (G); R M Lander (L); A P McLaughlin (M); W P Roberts (L); H W R Blackshaw (M); C Daw (G); A N Bajwa (G); K A Coughtrey (I); M N Gibbon (G); C A Hext (I); E J Hodgson (G); A P Johnston (M); P Jones (L); T J Pullen (M); N J Tucker (I); J Anderson (G); J P Barnard (M); G Forrest (G); A M Hunter (M); H F Toner (I); C C G Albert (M); F A Zammit (I); S A Field (G); M I Guillaume (M); N I Hill (L); R G Hill (G); M L Knight (M); M J Mallin (I); R A Newey (M); S Roach (I); A Speck (G); N W Stonor (M); S P Williams (L); M A Branthwaite (L); P Chamberlain (I); F J Parkin (I); E A Pound (L); N K Stallworthy (M); C A Kelly (M); M P Sheehan (L); E H B Vaizey (M); P D Acland (L); J E Bedford (M); A S Feest (I); R Menon (M); Z S O'Sullivan (M); A R Warnock (I); P D Brant (L); E A Gunther (L); J M A Jarzabkowski (M); S A Masters (M); R J F Russell (M); M E Wagstaff (L); H M Whatnell (I); N A Casey (G); I J Wall (M); M E Fawcett (I); T D Feaster (I); N A Hood (I); P L Skidmore (M); N P R Steel (M); C E P E Borg (G); N D Hooper (L); G Malden (G); L M Mulcahy (I); D L Wilson (M); P Betts (L); N A Cole (L); R D W Franck (M); L J Judge (G); R M Sabben-Clare (G); K M Skellorn (G); A J Weitzman (M); C A S Bailey (L); D J Campbell (I); T A Cowen (I); T B Forster (I); P R Greaney (I); S D Harmes (G); A C Jameson (M); C P Jesudason (M); H M Kubik (L); J C Lawson (G); G T Regan (M); K J G Tucker (L); S J Walker (L); A J Bassano (G); J E Dawson (G); D P A Happe (G); D P Horan (M); P T Horgan (M); J K Lemon (I); M A McMullan (M); J C Walker-Kane (G); S D Wilton (G); C D Cleminson (L); T Fowler (I); R M Menzies (M); S M Moss (G); M Abeygunasekara (G); S Anderson (L); M R Trousdale (M); M C Watson (I); J P M Beal (G); D R Hardy (L); G L W Kingscote (I); K B Kneller (I); L Knowles (G); N D Langridge (L); P R J Leece (L); O J Peirson (L); I M Ponter (M); R S Alexander (I); J M R Briggs (M); D Corless-Smith (I); J E Cubbon (M); C M Gardner (G); M D Gatley (G); S Gilmore (L); M J Johnson (M); J S Jowitt (M); J Keeble (M); J W Machell (I); R F Platt (L); J K Pollard (G); R E Powell (I); P S Tiwana (L); W D Croot (G); F P Dickie (I); D Gabbert (I); S A Howe (L); A G Mackeson-Sandbach (L); D M Robinson (L); D O Tappin (L); R K Thacker (G); M K Von Santen-Pagava (M); N J Yerrell (M); J M Clarke (G); D S Davies (I); E C Egan (L); C J Elliott (L); K F Gannon (I); R S Hermer (M); R Jones (I); D F K Mpanga (M); T R E Ossack (G); G S Powell (M); L Redfern (M); K G Bale (G); R M Dudley (G); S J Ezekiel (L); J L Goldring (M); R J Harwood (M); D F Hughes (G); S T Richards (M); J M Spooner (G); A F V Stoney (L); L M Wilding (I); A P Burns (M); H E S Carter (I); M M Davey (L); L M Harrison (M); Z Y Khan (M); S J L Wright (L); R J H Edwards (M); D F Fenwick (L); H Legge (M); T C Macey-Dare (M); P X Morris (M); C E Rigby (L); M J Smith (M); N J Stevenson (I); J P Thompson (M); A E Trenton (I); M J Wales (I); A R Badejo (L); M T Bensadon (M); W D H Buckwell (M); C G Dyer (G); C L Fox (L); M E Haskell (I); J C T Kendall (M); R D May (I); N J Parfitt (M); S J Rogers (G); A M Scott (G); W G Wastie (M); J I C Buchanan (G); V J Domenge (M); A B Patel (L); T M Sadiq (G); B J Say (I); J E Smart (G); C W Stirling (I); S G Webb (G); M S Burdon (L); R J Button (G); G D Colin (I); J Grierson (L); B L C Jameson (M); P S Pal (G); S M Reeve (M); C A R Robb (M); J Roberts (G); A A Roycroft (G); S Taylor (I); J Warburton (M); C J Alderson (L); J C Baldry (M); S Brankin (L); R L Curtis (I); A R Espley (G); A J Jebb (G); P H E Morel (I); L A Paonessa (M); D S Polglase (M); H D Potter (G); M P Robinson Giuliani (G); J M Spratt-Dawson (G); I Thomas (G); K Turner (G); R W Ace (L); R Baruah (I); A E M Garland (I); J C Hartridge (L); T Hussein (I); R F W Jones (L); H Marriage (I); M J Nicklin (L); N Sidhu (L); M L Taylor (L).

Competent: W J Herring (L); M J Cronshaw (M); M J E Horton (G); A Butler (M); N J Grundy (G); A J Dalton (L); G M Cox (G); C Garnett (I); S K Harrison (M); J R H Johnson (M); N Lockett (I); P J Matthews (G); T J Maycock (I); A E Russell (M); J R Shields (I); A A Somerville (L); A L C Brown (M); T E Davey (M); M X Ellul (I); R H Gregory (M); P J Heald (G); I H Jones (I); M A Marles (M); A Marshall (L); A Rohard (I); R L Wedderspoon (M); S M Wright (G); G M I Britain (L); R M Dean (G); E K Himsworth (G); N D Isaac (G); G H Mead (L); G M O'Connor (L); I C Vernon (I); R J Booth (M); A Borman (I); S A Chaudhry (L); D Chijner (I); C A Egan (G); H S Fields (M); E J Formby (M); K S Gollop (G); I P Harrington (G); S D Hirst (L); S Lal (L); P J Sharples (M); J C Simison (I); J Thornton (L); J P Blakesley (I); P K K Cheng (L); R J L Coleman (L); S L Connal (L); K Fadden (I); L Gibson (G); H G Jones (M); A W Kloss (G); G S Reece (M); M A Savill (I); S R Trebble (L); A N Zagorski (M); N D Bird (M); J J S Butler (M); A E Bywater (M); D R L Garrido (M); C Kenny (G); B Mahendra (G); B J Phillips (G); J D Seddon (M); A B Semple (I); J K Weeks (I); L C Wood (G); J R Beattie (M); S W L Beckwith (L); R E Cookson (M); N W Cox (M); D H Edwards (L); R J Hendy (I); M H O Hutchings (I); M G Kavanagh (G); J M Kent (L); S J Pritchard (G); D Pulling (M); P D Redman (L); A V Stanton (M); J A Barratt (G); J E Clarke (I); A C Darlow (M); M T Ellis (M); P A Galway-Cooper (I); D C Green (L); H L Ingram (G); B J G Mackenzie-Williams (I); H E Morgan (G); J D Q Mumford (I); C G L Warland (M); T A Wilkins (M); K R J Apold (I); M R Ashley (L); M H J Grant (L); J T Hartshorne (I); G A D Mathieson (M); T A Roberts (G); S S Sagayam (G); N Wong (M); D J Barker Wilson (L); P J Bradley (L); B Druker (I); A K Dubarry (M); J C Farquharson (I); C M Fennemore (M); J M A Flanagan (L); R S Gee (L); R Harrison (I); M Phelan (I); D A Riddell (M); M G Alexander-Wall (I); R E Banks (I); J C Dawes (I); A G Grimsey (I); R T Harrison (I); J M R Hasslacher (M); S R Husain (M); J D McCrindell (M); H A Gilbertson (M); P L Warne (I); V E Baum (M); E R Bowles (M); M J D Connor (I); P H K L Hoahing (M); R Kember (M); B J Molyneux (L); N I Symington (I); R F Toone (I); K A Volz (M); J P Walsh (I); O T Alagbala (I); S K Forrester (L); J W Fountain (M); A J Gevisser (G); M M Higgins (I); E C Nuttall (G); N D O'Sullivan (G); L A Peter (L); L Potter (I); H E Roberts (G); C J E Robson (L); L H Stanton (I); K Webb (L); D M Gibbard-Jones (M); D K J Ageros (I); J P Johnstone (M); A K Katyar (L); M F Napper (L); L A Begley (I); C A Chastney (G); R N Cross (L); P A N Dyson (M); J W Fryer-Spedding (G); J P Green (G); J Ivens (L); L T Morelli (M); J K Narwal (I); M I Ruck (G); S D Ryb (M); J A G Wakefield (L); R S Acheson (M); I A Atkins (I); A N Brummer (L); S Clover (L); M K Farooq (L); P H Glenser (I); D A McDermott (M); I McLoughlin (L); M J Waterhouse (L); A J Watson (L); R Barod (M); H E Brandon (M); T J Dwyer (I); G T Enright (M); A J Field (G); E A Grimshaw (G); C M Le Quesne (I); R J Lumsdon (M); T J Moloney (M); A J Richards (M); R Solomon (L); S A Whitehouse (L); R Wormald (G); N K Mehendale (I); P E L Alderson (M); M J Broder (M); A J Chaplin (G); G C Collett (I); A M Daniels (L); J Dezonie (M); L R Eyelngton (I); G D Morton (G); J L Musgrove (L); L Roberts (L); L Sefton-Smith (L); N M Usher (M); P C Walker (L); R M Collins (G); S L Cooper (I); T E Crowther (I); J C Down (G); R H Goodison (M); D L Nesbitt (M); J Rodikis (M); R S Symonds (G); C J Thornham (L); A Bijlani (M); M C Chung (I); J F Holmes (I); A S Khan (L); R A Pates (L); M T G Peaker (L); L C Taylor (L); A D Wallington (I); S (L); F E Bogie (L); N B Cunningham (I); S P T De Bertodano (M); G C Downham (M); K L Dunn (L); C D Fender (M); E F Haggerty (L); M P Hayton (I); K A Ives (M); G F Knowles (G); P A Nagle (M); R G Parry (G); N Wayne (M); M B Wilson (L); A J Woodhouse (L); D S Bettle (I); I P F Dabbs (G); K O Dixon (M); D A Feetham (G); T J Forer (G); B M Honess (L); S M McDonald (L); P J Smith (M); N Stimpson (I); J A Williamson (M); R C Bensted (G); M C Dhir (M); D M Fawcett (G); D A Grantham (G); J P Hayes (I); R Littlewood (I); A G Maddan (G); J S J Murphy (I); M H Syed (L); K P Vaughan (M); Y Zafar (L); R C Shenton (M); M P C Bagnall (M); P J Carter (G); J H Clarke (L); N C D'Cruz (L); S Drew (G); T Eicke (M); R Ismail (L); P O M Miller (L); A J Oliver (L); R C Webb (L); T C H Woodcock (I); H C Andall (L); N M Grignon (I); O J Handy (G); N G Johnson (I); G R Owens (G); J E Shepherd (I); D S Toube (I); G M Blaker (M); J M Cowdell (I); A N Gersch (L); R N Jory (M); T Lakin (I); M C Loram (I); C L Maclaren (I); S J Miller (L); N J Moore (L); S Shaikh (L); H L S Stevenson (G); J K Henley-Price (G); R M Bergenthal (M); H M E Erwood (M); J M O'Donovan (I); P K Passi (I); S H E Stanley (L); A J Whitham (L); A C Bertham (L); E C J Bindloss (G); J J Clements (G); N M Feetham (G); M Harris (G); J S Hilsdon (L); E McLaughlin (M); H E Prinn (M); N J Stubbings (G); S Tiwari (I); R D White (I); G D Bain (L); B C Caswell (M); J E Chesser (L); J R Cowasji (G); V M Hunt (M); A R J Maxwell (M); N J May (G); K A Montgomery (M); R D Murray (I); L P D Smith (I); L S Blackburn (M); R M Chambers (G); W P Cheung (L); J M Hurworth (I); S R J Newton (M); M J Phillips (L); L A Smith (L); C A Warnock (G); A Zimbler (L); N R A Corsellis (L); M J Di Rienzo (L); R A Ford (M); J H E Harris (L); L J Heywood (I); L J Hooker (G); C A Horton (M); L L Ladlow (G); A P Mears (G); J O Orlogun (L); J C Patterson (I); A B Spence (M); F Tufail (L); M K Coy (M); J H W Gray (I); L M Henderson (I); O Z Mishcon (G); J M Nelson (G); S P Parsons (I); S P R Sinnatt (L); P A H Daniell (L); S D Gore (M); N T Humphries (L); A H Issa (L); C M Kelly (I); I D Painter (L); I Philliskirk (L); L S Roberts (I); S E Sherman (M); A F N Spencer (M); S H Summerlin (G); D M Thibeault (G); T R White (M); K L Barry (L); K S Dobe (L); A J C Friend (L); R W Harris (L); M J McAulay (I); R Slade Jones (G); W H P Tatford (L); C E T Williams (M); J A T Bailey (I); H M Boleat (M); D J Duffy (G); C E Fanning (L); A G Foster (I); R P John (G); M M M Lee (G); G E Leid (G); P K Pavlou (L); D Rampersad (I); A R F Vines (G); T M C Allen (M); S J Davison (L); A V S Kane (G); S R Kolodynski (L); P V Lack (L); F McMillan (I); A R Rafati (G); A J Saunders (I); A C Simpson (L); N S Taylor (I); R J H Burrington (I); H R Hope (G); K R Jones (M); P J P S Mylvaganam (M); J Traynor (L); E B B Vickers (M); D G G Wynnian-Husey (G); E A P Popland-Czikal (G); N D Dalton (L); E Edhem (G); E C D Hall (M); J N Kessel (M); I L P McElhatton (G); T McLevy (L); V K Nassar (G); B W Payne (I); D M Sandeman (M); S J Crossley (I); A M Ditchfield (M); R E Hague (G); P A King (G); H J Lewer (I); K Nayagam (L); J L Rothwell (I); D C D'Souza (I); S Ismail (L); E S Lawrence (M); F A Aslam (M); R D'Cruz (L); L M Musso (L); C E Myatt (G); J S Naughton (G); D E Oxley (L); R H Pollock (I); R M H Tonge (G); M J Upson (L); J D Whitley (I); J P Wolffe (G); A J Webber (M); S J B Clegg (I); K L Goodwin (L); A K Johnston (I); J R Manning (M); M Najand (M); S A Simms (M); P Stanistreet (L); D Elias (I); E W Ash (M); S C Elford (M); T J Fitzgerald (L); R W Lloyd (L); A Mukhi (G); D T D O'Riordan (I); J P Stanniland (I); M J Stubbs (G); A J Tebbs (L); E R L Young (I); A C Holt (L); J P Bourne (L); C S Greene (L); J R Hamilton (G); S B Hickling (G); R M Holloway (G); R A M Moore (I); S J S Nussle (M); C A Reddy (I); M E Agar (L); V J Cork (I); A S Finlay (G); T L Morris (L); C R Ormsby (M); D Parry (I); R C Pilcher (M); L C Redpath (L); B C Winzer (M); M Sahu (M); T S Callman (M); A J Connor (L); K M Ng (M); D Savvides (L); S Shah (I); R L Young (I); B J C Ottaway (L); M G Poole (I); A C J Warman (I); H S Williams (I); J F Keeley (M); A M McCombie-Lawrence (I); K B Monteith (L); R Murphy (M); W P Olhausen (M); F A Perry (M); M J Watkins (M); S Agha (L); S J Davidson (I); P B Solowora (I); D J Whiting (L); T J Golding (G); P E Kaffel (I); J D Rule (G); P Sharma (M); A E Ives (G); A S Yassin (I); A N Flattery (L); I E Grant (M); S L Humphreys (M); A T McCabe (I); T R N Otley (L); R B Patrick (G); L R Wilson (L); I M Cartwright (G); C S Fowler (L); A W G Savage (L); B D Science (G); H S Smith (M); T L Taylor-Blackshaw (M); A P Walshe (I); S E Blackmore (I); C L Perryer (G); J Williams (L); M J Helm (L); T J Storrie (M); S J Hoar (M); R Lambrianides (L); P O'Callaghan (G); K Al'Hassan (I); J A Clibbon (G); E E P Condon (I); L A E Thompson (I); *B J Walsh (G); S Ahmed* (G); M Brewis (L); C J Fagan (G); M M J Lavin (M); G S Rehman (L); C Thomas (I); L F Browne (I); D A O'Hora (I); K Qadri (M); P C Walsh (L); M J Taylor (L); J A Coker (M); R A Jurenko (M); C V Stanton (M); N Trimikliniotis (L); J Elliott (I); G P Doran (G); J H S Foulser (G); K Nursimloo (L); T J Rocca (M); K A Taubut (I); R Kaur (G); M L Poku (L); M Constantinou (L); C M Bryan (M); S Haleema (L); M A Belch (M); H S Virk (M); R J G Turfitt (M); T P S Hillman (G); J J Greenwood (I); C A Wilson (I); E K A Sowemimo (M); N Zabli (G).

Additional pass list

A O Akusu-Ossai (L); A J Fawcett (L); S D Grohs (M); C G Harold (I); D R Johns (I); M K Kaler (M); N Kirk (L); S E McCormack (M); Y Millar-Parker (I); A I Odilibe (M); B J Patel (L); F Quinn (L); F Rashid (M); A J Rees (M); C P Reeves (I); T F H Roach (M); G Tan (G); Y Zahed (L).

Candidates who have resat Bar Vocational Course Assessments

Competent: S A Adams (L); F T Hajjar (I); S Jegarajah (M); A A C Khan (L); N McVey (L); *A C J Rodger (G)*; C S Sumeray (M); J S Webb (M); C S Whysall (I); E J Woosey (L); S O Akinsnaya (I); P R Collins (G); C E Ford (G); C L Gittens (I); R Gray (G); M C Hutchinson (M); S Maharaj (I); V Price (G); M A Root (M); S N Shah (M); S Sharma (M); A Tait (I); K S Turner (M); S E Hall (L); S L Jacobs (G); M F Mannan (L); S B Nijabat (M); K A Osborne (M); A Rialas (G); J D Simpson (G); J A Vallack (G); O Agwu Obuka (I); J Akinsanya (I); K Beecroft (I); D N Beazer (M); D W J Beazer (I); S M Bexley (I); L S Blair (G); I Burnett (L); K P Callow (I); B D Delaney (I); A Denton (L); I J Douglas (G); S T Geraghty (M); C A Henning (M); N J Hobbs (G); L J Hurlock (G); M S Hussain (L); O O A O Jibowu (M); T C Lay (I); I R Lear (M); D C S MacPherson (M); G P McMeel (I); Y M Malik (L); C Moore (M); F N B Okosi (I); J A X Searle (M); A J Spechter (G); G D Thomas (I); G Thompson (I); J J Thompson (I); I P Turkki (I); R D Verkalk (M); S W Walton (L); S Waritay (I); I Zornaza (I); S Balonwu (M); C G Cooke (I); M A Fagan (G); M Procter (G); P E Roberts (L); E A Andrew (M); G Benjamin (L); R E Gailey (L); M T D Gilpin (M); D R Halliday (I); R F Jarvis (L); A G R McLester (L); P McQuaid (M); M A Ojukwu (L); *J Sample (I)*; C E Sargent (M); K F Staunton (I); K B Wood (M); W D Djabatey (G); J M Gunchala (L); P F Nugent (M).

(I) Inner Temple; (M) Middle Temple; (G) Gray's Inn; (L) Lincoln's Inn

Prize-winners

The Scarman Scholarships (1) Alan John Maclean (G), (2) Nicholas James Shea (M)

The Barstow Scholarship David Edward Robinson (G)

The Evered ver Heyden Foundation Prizes for the best performance in Advocacy Formal Assessments
First Prize: Margaret Annie *Branthwaite* (L), John Benedict Lloyd-Jones (I), Paul Mallalieu Stanley (M)

Reserve Candidates (in order of merit) Alan John Maclean (G), James Phillip Barnard (M), Sanjay Lal (L)

The Bar Association for Commerce, Finance and Industry Prize for the best performance in the Commercial Practice Module Final Assessments Paul Mallalieu Stanley (M)

The Lawrence Kingsley Prize for Drafting for the best performance in Drafting formal assessments Nicholas James Shea (M)

Wilfred Parker Prize for Evidence, Civil Litigation and Criminal Litigation Adrian Speck (G)

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Acts of the Apostles 2 : 28

BIRTHS

BELK - On August 13th, to Helen (née King) and Mike, a son, Jonathan Owen Edward.

DU MELLO KENYON - On July 23rd at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Anita (née Curley) and Chris, a daughter, Georgina Sara.

FIRTH - On August 8th, to Jane (née Bridges) and Andrew, a son, Simon James, a brother for David.

FOTHERGILL - On 8th August, to Josephine (née Rowe) and Richard, a daughter, Anna Sophie.

GOULD - On 14th August, to Elizabeth (née Woolf) and Lawrence, a son, Charles Jacob, a brother for Toby.

HALL - On August 13th, to Rosalind (née Girling) and Peter, a son, Thomas Edward, a brother for Rebecca Jane.

HODSON - On August 11th, to Christiane (née Hyde) and Alan, a daughter, Olivia Charlotte Rose, a sister for Tom.

KACZYKOWSKI - On 29th July, to Suzy (née Mayhew) and Leon, a daughter, Eva Louise. A Star.

LEWIS - On August 12th, to Nicola (née Steengracht van Moyland) and Patrick, a son, Charles Anthony, a brother for Hannah.

MINCH - On Thursday August 12th, to Kate (née Edwards) and John, a daughter, Eleanor Margot, a sister to James and Hugh.

MORGAN - On 11th August at Kingston Hospital, to Amalia (née Perdikides) and Chris, a son, Michael Christopher Bentley.

ORGOVANYI - On August 16th, to Mandy (née Barnett) and Gary, a son, Nicholas Stephen and always remembering Alice.

PIGOTT - On 17th August, to Sara and Simon, a daughter, Molly, a sister to Lara and Grace.

PRATT - On August 17th, to Louise (née Hedges) and Philip, a son, Thomas Peter Robert, a brother for Rebecca.

ROLFE - On August 12th, to Clare (née Bergman) and Neil, a daughter, Emily Louise, a sister for Benjamin.

STRAHAN - On 16th August, to Sally (née King) and Gerard, a son, Charles Andrew.

STRICK - On 15th August, to Emma (née Juniper) and Charles, a daughter, Katie *Emma Juniper.*

TAGGART - On 13th August in London, to Sean and Astrid, a daughter, Christina Louise.

TAYLOR - On 15th August at St John's Hospital, Chelmsford, to Joanne (née Steel) and Kevin, a son, Joshua.

WILKES - On 6th August, to Jackie (née McNair) and Henry, a son, George Edward McNair.

WRIGHT - On 10th August, to Frances (née Leamy) and Peter, a son, Jacob Patrick Spring.

DEATHS

ANDREW - On 16th August 1993 at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, after a brave fight following a heart attack, Stanley Frederick George aged 87. Beloved father of Doreen and Jean, grandfather of Anna, Ruth and Vanessa, great-grandfather of Martha Louise. Funeral Service at West London Crematorium, Harrow Road, W10, at 11am on Monday 23rd August. Family flowers only. Donations to St David's Foundation.

BENTLEY - On 16th August 1993, peacefully at Clifton House, Kenneth, of West *Chiltington.* Beloved husband of Betty, much loved father of Philip and Jane and grandpa to Charles-Philip, Jeremy, Marie and Judith. Funeral Service at Our Lady of England Church, Storrington, West Sussex, on Friday 20th August at 11.30 am. No flowers by request. Donations, if desired, to Clifton House (Residence Fund) c/o H.D. Tribe Ltd., 21 West Street, Storrington, Sussex, RH20 4DZ.

BOGA - Mary Ardesher on 11th August in her 86th year. Born in Amritsar, Punjab. Resident in England for more than 55 years. Served in the W.R.A.C. in the Second World War and as a secondary school teacher until her retirement. Funeral Service at 1.30 pm on 23rd August at Lewisham Crematorium. No flowers please.

BOWLBY - On August 17th, Sir Anthony Bowlby Bt. died peacefully in Berkeley Hospital, Glos.

BROWN - On August 15th 1993, Edward Kenneth (Ted), Schoolmaster and Bookseller. Loving husband of Iris, devoted father of Jennefer and Christopher and a cherished grandfather. Funeral Service at Liskeard Parish Church on Monday August 23rd at 1.45 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to the R.S.P.C.A., c/o Nat. West Bank, Treehawke House, Liskeard, Cornwall.

COUGHLAN - Lynda (née *McDonnell) died aged 46 at* The Princess Grace Hospital, Monaco, Monday 12th July. Memorial Mass at St Patrick's, Soho Square, September 16th at 4 o'clock. Much loved and sadly missed.

DEWDNEY - Edith Marion, wife of Duncan Dewdney of Salters, Winchester, after 58 years of fortunate marriage.

FISHER - Helen Bridget Emily (née Caillard), wife of John Mortimer Fisher, late of H.M. Foreign Service, peacefully after a stroke at King Edward VIIth Hospital, Midhurst, in her 81st year. Funeral will be held at 2.30 pm on Friday 20th August at St Paul's Church in Elsted, followed by private interment in the Churchyard of St Andrews, Didling. No flowers please.

FREWER - On August 11th in hospital near Battle, Ruth Frances Frewer MA, OXON, Classics Mistress and Deputy Head at Leeds Girls High School from 1929 to 1964. Lovingly remembered by her adopted daughter Sheena Devine and Sheena's two children Christina and Katie. Condolences may be sent to Sheena Devine, 6917 Olcott Street, Forest Hill, New York 11375, U.S.A. Funeral Service in Battle Parish Church at 11.30 am on August 19th, family flowers only, donations if desired to the N.S.P.C.C. or Save the Children.

GREENWOOD - Sarah Kate, on 14th August 1993, aged 33 *years. Loving and beloved* wife of Andy Riddell and mother of Redmond. Much loved daughter of Peter and Cynthia and sister of Justin, Rachel and Ben. Funeral Service at Windsor Methodist Church, Alma Road, on Monday 23rd August at 11.15 am. Flowers or donations, if preferred, for Cancer Research Campaign may be sent to E. Sargeant & Son, 61 St Leonards Road, Windsor, tel: (0753) 865982.

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KELTON - On 15th August, peacefully at home in her 91st year, Beatrice Millicent (Babs), widow of Gerald St. Goar Kelton and dearly loved mother of Michael and Robin. Funeral at Guildford Crematorium at 2.30 pm on *Monday 23rd August.*

KITCHING - On 16th August 1993 at Cecil Court, Kew, Olive Ada (née Widdowson), aged 86. Devoted wife of the late John Douglas Kitching and beloved mother of Valerie and Sandra, loving grandmother of Posy, Tamsin, Daniel and Harry. Funeral Service at St Anne's Church, Kew Green, Tuesday 24th August at 2.15pm. Interment of ashes at St Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford, 3.30pm on 26th August 1993. Donations to the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research, PO Box 177, Chesterfield, S41 7TQ.

KITTERMASTER - On August 15th, peacefully at home, Brione, loved daughter of the late Ronald and of Meriel and loving mother of Gemma, Frances and Sara. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium on Monday August 23rd at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to the Wood Green Animal Shelter, Chishill Road, Heydon, Herts.

MORGAN - On August 16th 1993, Edward Stephen, aged 86, of Thornton Dale. Dearly loved husband of Evereld and the late Cecelly (Thompson), former Assistant Commissioner Nigeria Police. Funeral, family only. No letters please.

NORMAN - On August 16th 1993 Eileen Elsie, peacefully at Fulford Nursing Home, York, aged 92. Loving and loved widow of Colonel W.J. Norman M.C., late Royal Engineers, Survey of India. Mother of Richard, John (deceased) and Rosemary, loving grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at St Oswald's Church, Fulford, York, on Tuesday 24th August 2.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to St Catherine's Hospice, *Crawley.*

PACKARD - Peacefully on 15th August 1993 Brigadier J.J. Packard, C.C., much loved husband of Faith and dear father of his children and grandchildren. Funeral 11 am on Monday 23rd August at St Giles', Cripplegate. No flowers, but donations welcome to St Giles towards a Communion Rail.

PICKLES - On 16th August at St Bartholomew's Hospital after a long illness fought with great courage, Michael aged 38 years, much loved son of Myra and Harold, brother John and sister-in-law Lynn. The funeral service will be held at Wesley's Chapel, London, EC1, at 10 am on 20th August followed by cremation at Golders Green Crematorium at 11.30 am. Flowers c/o Kenyons, 74 Rochester Row, Victoria, London, SW1 or donations in lieu if desired, to Terrence Higgins Trust or London Lighthouse.

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REYNOLDS - John Reynolds, Major (Retd.) suddenly at home on Friday 13th August. Much loved and missed by Claire, his children Peter, Christopher, Nicola, Veronica and his grandchildren Zoë, Lucy, Harry, Sophie, Alexander and Tom and all his friends. Funeral to be held at St Mary's Church, Bibury, Glos. on Tuesday 24th August 1993 at 11 am. Donations to British Heart Foundation.

SCOTT-MOORE - On August 12th at Virginia Water, Surrey, Mrs Edith Elizabeth Scott-Moore R.W.S., N.E.A.C., artist, aged 90. Funeral Service at St Jude's Church, Englefield Green, Surrey, on Monday 23rd August at 1 o'clock. Family flowers only, donations if desired to the Artists' General Benevolent Institution, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W1V 0DJ.

THOMAS - On 14th August at St Bartholomews Hospital, London, Dr. W. Gwynne Thomas of the Barbican, London, aged 62 years. Cremation to take place at St Marylebone Crematorium, East End Road, East Finchley, N2, on Thursday 19th August at 4.30 pm. No flowers by request. All enquiries to W.G. Miller (071) 226-3886.

TOOKE - Patricia Ann Tooke (née Sadler) of Ipswich on August 15th 1993. She will be sorely missed by her friends and children Robert, Julian, Clarissa and Melissa. Funeral Service at the Museum Street Methodist Church, Ipswich, on Monday August 23rd at 2.30 pm, followed by private cremation. Flowers may be sent to Michael Smy Funeral Directors, 145 Felixstowe Road, Ipswich.

TREWAVAS - Dr. Ethelwyn at home on 16th August 1993 aged 92, much loved sister of Sylvia B. March. Cremation at Reading Crematorium, Henly Road, Reading, at 2.15 pm on *Friday August 20th.*

VAN GULIK - On 15th August, peacefully in Sotogrande, Spain, Barbara (née Frost), beloved widow of Dick. Much loved mother of Althea. Dearest Granny to Emma and Antoine. Donations if desired to the Imperial Cancer Research, London. Tel: 071-242-0200.

WOLFF - On August 16th 1993, peacefully at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, Annie Maria Carrol, beloved wife of Francis of Malvinas, Glasgow Road, Lockerbie. Dear mother of Inger, Hazel, Agnete and Linda, much loved grandmother of Anne Louise, Christian, Charlotte, Rory and Ellen. Funeral in Holy Trinity Church, Lockerbie, on Friday, 20th August at 1.00pm, thereafter to Dryfesdale Cemetery. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to the Scottish Liver Transplant Unit, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh.

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OBITUARIES

STEWART GRANGER

Stewart Granger, actor, died of cancer in Los Angeles, on August 16 aged 80. He was born in London on May 6, 1913.

SMOULDERING good looks, a 6ft 2ins physique and a nimble athleticism brought Stewart Granger film stardom playing swashbuckling romantic or villainous leads in a clutch of costume dramas in the postwar years. His starring roles in *The Man in Grey*, *Fanny By Gaslight*, *King Solomon's Mines*, *Scaramouche* and *The Prisoner of Zenda* led to him being dubbed "the English Douglas Fairbanks".

For a while — along with Michael Wilding, James Mason and David Niven — he was one of the most sought after British film actors and one of the top ten money-spinners in the film business. Over a quarter of a century from 1943 he made at least one, usually two, occasionally three — and once four — films a year. But many of the productions in which he starred were mediocre and, later, Granger was the first to admit that, although he made more than 50 films, he never realised his full potential as an actor.

He was a rumbustious and abrasive individual, thrice married and divorced and given to a devil-may-care outspokeness which never endeared him to either fellow-actors, directors or studio bosses. But he was also extremely self-deprecating about his career and blamed his failure to make more of his opportunities mostly on his own inept decisions. "I've seldom, if ever, made a film I have really liked or been proud of," he told one interviewer in 1968. "To spend a life making even reasonable films is bad enough, but to spend one, as I have, making terrible ones tends to be a little dispiriting."

He would probably have won more critical acclaim if he had not been persuaded, first in Britain and then in the United States, to sign long-term contracts that forced him to appear in too many mediocre films. Blessed as he was with a debonair handsomeness, a commanding presence and a manner that could be supremely suave or sardonic, Granger exuded old-style Hollywood stardom.

Stewart Granger was the son of an army officer, and brought up in Polperro, Cornwall. His real name was James Lablache Stewart, which he was obliged to change to avoid being confused with the Hollywood actor James Stewart, but he remained Jimmy to his friends. Following school at Epsom College, his first ambition was to forge a career in medicine but this was thwarted when a change in the family's financial circumstances led him to abandon his studies and to look for other outlets. After a spell as a salesman for a bell-punch company he decided to try for work as a film extra.

Stewart Granger embracing Eleanor Parker, in typically swashbuckling romantic style, in his 1952 film, *Scaramouche*

That gave him a taste for acting and he trained at the Webber-Douglas drama school. His first professional job was in repertory at Hull; he later moved to Birmingham Rep and, in 1936, to the Malvern Festival. His first London stage appearance was as Captain Hamilton in *The Sun Never Sets* at the Drury Lane Theatre in 1938 and the following year he joined the Old Vic Company under Tyrone Guthrie. He played alongside Robert Donat, as Anderson to Donat's Dick Dudgeon in *The Devil's Disciple* and as Tybalt to his Romeo. He also had small parts in films but his film career did not take off until he was invalided out of the Black Watch in the middle of the second world war.

Robert Donat recommended Granger to Gainsborough Pictures, who gave him a part in a 1943 costume melodrama *The Man in Grey*. Set in Regency times, the film — which also featured James Mason, Margaret Lockwood and Phyllis Calvert — caught the imagination of the war-weary public and thrust Granger into the limelight. Against the advice of Donat, Granger signed a seven-year contract with Gainsborough which was later absorbed by the Rank Organisation.

He soon became second only to James Mason as the British cinema's biggest box-office draw. Of his films of the period, *Waterloo Road* (1944) was a rare but effective venture into contemporary drama and he supported Vivien Leigh and Claude Rains in the disastrously extravagant *Caesar and Cleopatra* (1945) from the play by G. B. Shaw. But he was more characteristically cast in such pictures as *Fanny By Gaslight* (1943), *Love Story* (1944), *Captain Boycott* (1947) and *Saraband for Dead Lovers* (1948).

Granger's relations with the press were never easy and they reached their nadir when the gossip columnists made hay of his friendship with an actress 15 years his junior, Jean Simmons. (His first marriage, to the actress Elspeth March, had ended in divorce in 1949.) After losing most of their money producing a Russian play, *The Power of Darkness*, in an unsuccessful theatre venture in London, Granger and Simmons took off for Hollywood and were married at Tucson, Arizona, in December 1950. Fairly desperate for work, Granger agreed to star in *King Solomon's Mines*, a 1950 version of the Rider Haggard novel co-starring Deborah Kerr, and on the strength of its success signed another seven-year contract with its producers MGM. The studio provided a ready stream of vehicles to exploit his talent for sword-play and riding, even if most of them were inferior re-makes of previous films. They included *Scaramouche* (1952) — a French revolutionary tale featuring Granger in a swordfight which, at six-and-half minutes, is credited with being the longest in cinema history — *The Prisoner of Zenda* (1952) (as Rassendyll), and *Beau Brummel* (1954).

Fritz Lang's version of the smuggling story, *Moonfleet* (1955), was a far better, if less popular, picture and Granger also appeared to good effect in *Bhowani Junction* (1956), set in imperial India, *The Last Hunt* (1956), a Western with Robert Taylor, and in 1960 a roistering gold rush adventure, *North to Alaska*, opposite John Wayne.

In 1956 he had become a US citizen but after six years he reverted to British nationality. His marriage to Jean Simmons was dissolved in 1960 and by this time his career was on the wane. Granger had gained a reputation for declining to laugh at the bad jokes of producers and for putting up none-too-gracefully with directors he regarded as ill-skilled.

He spent the early 1960s filming on the Continent: there was a Biblical epic, *Sodom and Gomorrah* (1962), and a surprisingly successful series of German "Westerns" made in Yugoslavia and based on the Karl May stories. But other continental ventures came to little and Granger virtually abandoned the cinema for American television where he joined the nine-year-old Western series, *The Virginian*, (re-titled *The Men from Shiloh*) and played Sherlock Holmes in *The Hound of the Baskervilles*.

His third marriage in 1964 to a 22-year-old Belgian beauty queen, Caroline Lecerf, ended in 1969 and he devoted his professional energies to playing the property market in Arizona and Spain.

Granger's business acumen was no better in real estate than it was in films however and he was forced, for financial reasons, to continue acting in such television series as *Loveboat*, even taking a modest role playing Prince Philip in one of the more excruciating American television "faction" productions, *The Royal Romance of Charles and Diana*.

He returned to the cinema screen after a ten-year gap in 1978, supporting Richard Burton and Richard Harris in a story about mercenaries called *The Wild Geese*. Granger, by this time a silver-haired 65, played a suavely corrupt merchant banker.

After this his health, if not his looks, was in decline. He had part of a lung removed in 1981 and in the same year published his autobiography *Sparks Fly Upwards*.

It had always been a matter of regret to Granger that he had not made more of his stage career and in 1990 he returned to the boards after a 40-year absence, appearing on Broadway with fellow veterans Rex Harrison and Glynis Johns in the Somerset Maugham play, *The Circle*. Later the same year, following the deaths of his two co-stars, he toured Britain with the play alongside Ian Carmichael and Rosemary Harris.

Stewart Granger is survived by three daughters and a son.

SIR PETER MILLS

Sir Peter Mills, a former Conservative MP for 23 years and one-time junior minister, died on August 16 aged 71. He was born on September 22, 1921.

PETER MILLS was first elected for Torrington in 1964 and, although he did not enjoy the distinction of winning the constituency back for the Conservatives after the famous by-election of 1958, he could claim to have repulsed the strong Liberal counter-attack aimed at regaining the seat. In the 1964 general election, standing for the Commons for the first time, he defeated the constituency's former Liberal MP, Mark (now Lord) Bonham-Carter, by a comfortable margin of 2,000 votes — partly thanks to the solid, nearly 6,000, Labour poll attained by a 26-year-old hospital doctor, one David Owen.

Like his predecessor, Percy Browne, who retired after serving in only one Parliament, Peter Mills was a Devon farmer. This was probably his main credential in being selected, since the local Tories wanted a mud-on-the-boots candidate to put up against a London publisher and a St Thomas' Hospital neurologist who had only just completed his medical training. As an electoral strategy it paid off: Mills was to hold the seat — in 1974, after boundary adjustments, renamed Devon West and in 1983 rechristened again Torridge and West Devon — through a further six general elections.

His parliamentary career was one of modest, rather than spectacular, achievement. He held under-secretaryships — first at the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and then in the Northern Ireland Office — back in the days of the Heath government of 1970-74 but was not offered any post by Margaret Thatcher when she came to power in 1979. He was, however, chosen in 1983 — he had been knighted the previous year — to move the loyal address in reply to the Queen's Speech. Characteristically, he dwelt on the responsibilities resting on any government with a large majority.

A keen churchman, he had been a member of the (then) Church Assembly before being elected to the Commons and was for 17 years chairman of the Houses of Parliament Christian Fellowship. Himself of the evangelical persuasion, he never hesitated to attack established institutions within the C of E — once declaring that the Church Commissioners' policies towards the renting of agricultural land made him ashamed to be a Christian. He was rebuked in a tart statement from No 1 Millbank asserting that it had never been the Commissioners' practice simply to rent or sell farms to the highest bidder.

Peter McLay Mills was educated at Epsom College and at Wye College, University of London. He started off farming 32 acres of his own but eventually had a farm of some 360 acres, as well as playing a prominent part in a Devon farming co-operative. He kept up his interest in agriculture all his life, being twice chairman of the Conservative backbench agricultural committee. In his latter years in the Commons he became involved with broadcasting, taking over the chairmanship of Devon Cable Vision (he had previously, from 1961-66, been a member of the general advisory council of the Independent Television Authority). He was also active in the affairs of the National Association of Parish Councils and of the Rural District Councils' Association.

Never perhaps the sort of MP liable to set the Thames on fire, Mills was nonetheless the type of rural member who used to provide the Conservative party in Parliament with its backbench ballast. It was wholly typical of him that, when he announced his forthcoming retirement at the age of 63, he did so on the ground that "we should give young people a chance". He was pleased, too, that his successor should have turned out to be a woman.

Mills married in 1948 Joan Weatherley. He is survived by her and by a son and daughter of the marriage.

ROBERT KEMPNER

Robert Kempner, one of the chief public prosecutors at the Nuremberg war crimes trial, died on August 15 aged 93. He was born in Freiburg, Germany, on October 17, 1899.

A FORMER subordinate of Hermann Goering at the Prussian ministry of the interior, Robert Kempner went on, 13 years later, to become deputy chief counsel in the American division preparing the case against Goering and other Nazi defendants in the Nuremberg war crimes trial.

At an international lawyers' conference, called in 1985 to consider the contemporary relevance of the International Military Tribunal on its 40th anniversary, he dismissed criticism that the trials had no basis in law and that they constituted the imposition of the law of the victor on the vanquished. "Those who are against Nuremberg today are those who want war, ex-friends or successors of the war criminals or right-wing extremists," he robustly declared.

Robert Max Wasilii Kempner was an early critic of the Nazis. Having studied law and political science at the universities of Berlin, Breslau and Freiburg, he tried, unsuccessfully, in 1931 to have Hitler deported as an undesirable alien. Later he worked in the Prussian ministry of the interior under Wilhelm Frick, the Reich minister of the interior from 1933. Jews had already been the victims of Frick's policies, but now Kempner was sent details of the minister's new euthanasia programme designed for the mentally and physically handicapped, the incurably ill and other "useless eaters".

For his outspoken criticism of Frick, Kempner was sacked by Goering, the new Prussian minister of the interior, and arrested by the Gestapo. He subsequently fled to Italy and later the United States, where he settled for the duration of the war and where he became a professor at the University of Pennsylvania.

In 1945 Kempner was chosen to join the US prosecution team at Nuremberg. New laws were created with which to deal with the defendants — the "Nuremberg Principles" — which included the offences of preparing and waging aggressive war, crimes against humanity and genocide.

The chief of the American contingent was Robert Jackson, a rather private man who lacked many of the talents needed to be a successful courtroom advocate and tended to closet himself away with a few close advisers such as Kempner. In these circumstances, Kempner's ability to take note not only of his colleagues' views but of German public opinion, was invaluable.

One of Kempner's first suggestions to Jackson was that more publicity for the trial and its issues should be raised within Germany. On his way to Nuremberg, Kempner had taken a random straw poll and of his 100 interviewees, found that 79 knew nothing about the trial. Concerned that Germans thought the trial was being used as an Allied propaganda exercise, he worked to get more of them into the sessions to see for themselves the even-handedness of proceedings.

His knowledge of the workings of German police administration proved invaluable to the Allies. Also useful was his relationship with the man he had served in the old Prussian interior ministry.

Some of the American lawyers hoped to drive a wedge between the defendants by coaxing individuals to turn state's evidence. Goering would have been the ideal prey — his vanity would have made him more vulnerable to an approach from the prosecution while he could justify any such account of Nazi policies as a heroic means of defending and promulgating them.

As an erstwhile subordinate of his, if only for a few days, Kempner was sent to make contact with him. Goering agreed to the idea in principle but only in return for a promise that he could be shot by firing squad rather than hanged like a common criminal. But the Americans refused to bargain.

Kempner had undertaken to make the approach only with the greatest reluctance. He felt that "no one should sup with such a devil however long their spoon". Goering eventually outwitted his jailers by committing suicide with a cyanide pill the night before he was due to be hanged.

Even after Nuremberg, Kempner refused to give up the fight against war criminals. In 1947 he had another coup with the discovery of the Wannsee Protocol which he discovered in the foreign ministry archives in Bonn. This was the most damning piece of evidence against the Nazis unearthed to that date, a detailed transcription of the unveiling of "the final solution" by the Reich security chief Reinhard Heydrich to a meeting of top-ranking Nazis in 1942. The document proposed that Europe's 11 million Jews, including an estimated 330,000 from Britain, should be marched east to be used in construction work "whereby doubtless a large proportion will fall by the way". Survivors would need to be dealt with "accordingly" — their survival would represent "a germ cell of new Jewish development".

Kempner established a law practice in Frankfurt in 1951, but continued, when not practising, as a professional Nazi expert, writing articles and a stream of books on the subject. He stood as an accuser in trials for the murder of Anne Frank and war crimes in the Warsaw ghetto, and was an expert witness at Israel's 1960 trial of Adolf Eichmann, one of the participants at the Wannsee meeting. A letter of his to the *Frankfurter Allgemeine* in 1965 maintained that thousands of "Nazi murderers" were still left in hiding, undiscovered. His memoirs, *Accuser of an Epoch*, were published in 1983.

Robert Kempner's wife died ten years ago. He is survived by his two sons.

HENRY COTTON

Henry Cotton, Lord Lieutenant of Merseyside, died of cancer on August 3 aged 64. He was born on July 21, 1929.

AS LORD LIEUTENANT of Merseyside, Henry Cotton welcomed many members of the royal family to see such civic events as the recent commemoration of the Battle of the Atlantic.

Henry Egerton Cotton was educated at Durnford and Brockhurst preparatory schools and at Rugby School. He read law and economics at Magdalene College, Cambridge, before doing his National Service in the Royal Artillery.

He then joined the Owen Owen Group, which he served for 37 years, eventually retiring as development director of T. J. Hughes.

Cotton's dominant interest, though, was in public service. Even before being appointed Lord Lieutenant in 1989, he held many public positions, becoming a Deputy Lieutenant in 1981 and High Sheriff of Merseyside in 1986.

One of his principal areas of interest was the arts. He was director, chairman, and finally president of the Liverpool Playhouse. In 1991 he became a trustee of the National Museums and Galleries on Merseyside and played a major role in various projects, including the new conservation centre in the former Midland Goods Depot. He was also a director of Northern Ballet for over 15 years.

He was active in the affairs of Liverpool Cathedral and, from 1979, had been chairman of its executive committee.

Having served as a governor of the former Liverpool Polytechnic since 1988, Henry Cotton was appointed last year as Chancellor of the new Liverpool John Moores University. He recently received an honorary degree from Liverpool University.

He leaves his wife Susan and a son and a daughter.

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Annual Incursion Into Kent

Hop-picking in Kent is expected to begin about August 23, or a few days later, and the season will probably last a fortnight.

The picking season usually attracts men, women and children to the number of 60,000 or more into mid-Kent, and a great many of them regard it as their annual holiday rather than a task. Most of the pickers live in the East End, but many more come from districts south of the Thames. Others make the journey to the hopfields in considerable numbers from the Croydon district, or from Essex, by way of the ferry between Tilbury and Gravesend. Nor should the gypsies be forgotten. It is still their habit to take their caravans into South Kent for the harvesting season, after which they travel north in time for the hop-picking.

Increasing numbers elect to journey from London to the hopfields by road. They do so in motor-lorries and a great variety of other vehicles, and a few even go in their own motor-cars nowadays, so widely welcomed is the chance of two or three weeks in the country which this seasonal occupation offers. The Southern Railway Company, however, anticipates that some 14,000 or 15,000 pickers will again decide to travel by the special trains which leave London in the night or the early morning. The trains depart from London Bridge Station — or, more rarely, from New Cross or New Cross Gate — between 2 and 7am. If the traffic is not too heavy the railway company prefers to time the departures late rather than early, so that when the pickers leave the train they will not have to set out in darkness along country roads. Once the season has opened the stations will become increasingly busy each night for about a week, by which time the latest of the hops should be ripe for picking. On the busiest nights of all there are often 14 or 15 special trains leaving London Bridge Station at short intervals.

The journey to the hopfields has been much more comfortable and orderly since the "card" system was instituted a few years ago. The Southern Railway and the Kent Farmers' Association have worked in close co-operation to bring about this result. A central office at Maidstone distributes printed postcards in batches to the farmers, who fill up a card for each family of pickers on their registers, telling the family the date on which picking will begin. The cards are returned in bulk to Maidstone, and before they are forwarded to the pickers particulars of the train — the place, date, and time of its departure, and the distinctive letter which it will bear — are added by officials of the railway company.

A subsidiary but still important involvement during the season is the outpouring of friends and relatives from London to the pickers' camps at week-ends. The motive behind these journeys is purely pleasure, and on fine Saturdays and Sundays the traffic is sometimes very heavy. The season of 1929 was almost the finest for 20 years and at the busiest week-end 27,000 such visitors to the hopfields went by rail from London in the two days, filling 31 special trains.

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Scores of families from the East End of London looked on the exodus into Kent for the hop-picking as their annual holiday. Trains were planned to take up to 15,000 to the hop fields.

The greatest story never told

Roy Greenslade takes a lighthearted look at the editorial conference in the silly season

'Look. I know it's been done before, but everyone's on holiday or been on holiday or thinking about people who are on holiday . . ."

"Ken, if this has anything to do with comparing seaside resorts in the Costa del Sol with the Cornish Riviera . . ."

"Wait! I've got a totally new twist."

"Okay, let's hear it."

"What we do is bring a Spanish family to Margate and take a British family to Torremolinos and compare . . ."

"Next! Any ideas Carol?"

"The weather's been awful. There's an amazing guy who can forecast the weather months ahead by turning a cup of tea leaves upside down over the entrails of a newly-slaughtered lamb at full moon."

"Bill Foggett?"

"Maybe. How did you know, Brian?

"Because the sound of Foggett's name is as familiar at this time of year as 'howzat' when England are batting. Next!"

It is the silly season in the conference rooms of Britain's national newspapers. Nothing official sits, nothing is decided, nothing is deemed to be happening.

No parliament. No central courts, no industrial tribunals, no public enquiries. Nothing much on television. News vanishes.

Of course, there is the continuing civil war in Bosnia, which prompts an uncharitable thought: was the little Irma hysteria the result of febrile summer desperation?

Too cynical, maybe, but at this time of year journalistic pessimists come into their own as they listen with mounting ennui to the news editor's morning menu of non-events and the features department's alleged bright ideas.

"I see John Major's in Sweden."

"So?"

"Perhaps we could use it as a peg to look at life in . . ."

"You can't be serious! Sweden was only invented so that we'd all know the meaning of the word boring. Is anyone going to give me something that will pass the eye-glaze test?"

"I see it's proving a bloody awful year for the guns."

"Sorry Ken, is this about the Serbs again?"

"Grouse-shooting. Evidently the Glorious Twelfth was a complete misnomer because the Highlands are being denuded of game birds. Parasites, evidently. It's a good tale. Collapse of tradition, collapse of the Scottish economy . . ."

"Collapse of newspaper readership . . ."

"How about a state-of-Britain piece?"

"Never! I'd stifle a yawn if I could overcome my apathy. Jimmy, what are the pops doing?"

"Well, *The Sun* splashed on a story about a guy killing gerbils this morning. Perhaps we could . . ."

"No we couldn't!"

"Prince Albert of Monaco has a new girl friend and it looks like the real thing this time. Let's start from there . . ."

"Who cares about Monte Carlo, for God's sake?"

"The Swedes?"

"Precisely. We do live in Britain, you know. There must be something going on here that's relevant and interesting."

"And new."

"Don't aim for the stars. Let's try relevant first. Any thoughts Carol?"

"I still think the weather is . . ."

"Brian?"

"I've been thinking." Laughter. "It may have been done before." More laughter. "But I'm sure it'll seem new to readers." Shouts of "Next".

"Go on, Brian spit it out."

"It's a sort of headline, really, and it kind of takes off by itself. Wish You Were Here? A page, no a series, in which people travel across Britain, in a train or bus, by bike . . ."

"Is there much more of this?"

". . . and describe what they find. Could be serious, about the level of crime, or whimsical, sort of hidden Britain . . ."

"Okay, that's enough for one day. Conference over.

"Jim, give me loads on Bosnia. Carol, you'd better give Bill Foggett a ring then. Remind me to take August off next year."

Radio fans can read all about it

Magazine tunes to listeners

Nine out of ten of us tune to radio each week. But are we able to read about what we hear? Not often enough, says Graham Smyth, who today launches *All Ears*, which he claims is Britain's only "fanzine" — fan magazine — for radio addicts.

"Television attracts over-kill coverage in newspapers and has its own batch of specialist magazines. *All Ears* is our attempt to stick up for radio, which is generally undervalued, under-publicised and always takes a back seat to television."

Looking at the news stands, he says, you would never guess that radio is listened to by 89 per cent of the UK's population, or that people are spending more time listening and less time viewing.

"It is an entertaining, informative and companionable medium that inspires fierce loyalty," he adds. "But it is not being properly served in print."

The fanzine is a labour of love of Mr Smyth, 35, a probation officer from Bacup, in Lancashire. He hears about 25 hours a week of local and national radio: everything from news and documentaries to plays, panel games, music and sport.

All Ears is the latest in a line of fanzines — do-it-yourself publications produced by enthusiasts — that make up in inspiration what they may lack in polish.

Mr Smyth has felt no need to research the market. "The first issue *is* the market research," he explains. "I think that when the BBC has ditched Radio 4's *The Radio Programme*, its only programme about the medium, it is time to try to do better by listeners. Our fanzine is an attempt, in however small a way, to cater for them."

Promotion has been by word of mouth and some local newspaper and radio publicity. Distribution is by mail and the initial print run is 2,000 copies.

Pictures in the first issue include a campaign to save Radio 5. And a tongue-in-cheek piece asks whether feminists have taken over *The Archers*.

The magazine will be open to ideas. "We'll look at anything and everything — praise and grumbles about programme output, station changes and broadcasters," Mr Smyth says. "There'll be music, sport and humour, and we'll put the boot in when necessary. Listeners' letters and opinions will be welcome, particularly in view of current upheavals at the BBC."

Like most fanzines, *All Ears*, written by radio lovers from around Britain, is not a commercial venture. "We're doing it for fun," he says. "We have a unique opportunity and I hope it will evolve into what readers want."

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Viewers are about to be spoilt for choice — but will they want to pay for it? **Alexandra Frean** reports

Catch 'em young: good, clean fun from Nickelodeon's *Eureeka's Castle*, a mix of puppets, cartoons, songs and documentary features for pre-school viewers

Satellite television enters new orbit

Satellite television programmers are banding together next month to introduce a service that will fundamentally change the nature and finances of the industry in Britain and significantly raise the stakes in commercial broadcasting.

It will also mean a huge increase in choice for viewers who are willing to pay an £83.88 a year subscription charge — roughly equivalent to the BBC television licence fee — to receive 14 themed channels, nine of them new to satellite television. For the first time, British satellite viewers will have the kind of choice that has been available to Americans for years. Indeed, most of the new output will be imported from America.

The new service will end free access to satellite channels such as UK Gold, The Children's Channel and Sky One, BSkyB's light entertainment station. (BSkyB is 50 per cent owned by the News Corporation, owner of *The Times*'s parent company, News International.) Instead, viewers will be able to chose from a number of multi-channel packages, starting with the basic 14-station deal at £6.99 a month and ending with the complete package, including BSkyB's three movie channels and its sports service, at £19.99 a month.

Anyone who is tempted to dismiss satellite services as "council house telly", watched by only a minority of low-income earners, might like to consider this. Nearly 25 per cent of British children and 18 per cent of adults live in homes with satellite television. And 43.3 per cent of all satellite viewers are in the AB and C1 socio-economic groups.

Frank Harrison, the head of research at Zenith Media, estimates that 5.6 million households will have satellite television by the turn of the century, up from 2.5 million today.

Forecasts for the take-up of the new paid-for multi-channel package are difficult to arrive at. Mr Harrison says. But he is confident that "most" of the 20 to 25 per cent of dish owners who do not at present receive any of the existing subscription-only BSkyB channels, will be prepared to pay for one of the multi-channel packages.

What is clear is that the new channels could not exist on advertising revenue alone. While themed channels, such as those on offer from September, provide advertisers with a finely honed target audience, the advent of more channels will fragment the already small audience share of satellite television services. Even Sky One, the most popular of BSkyB's advertising-supported channels, commands only an 8 to 9 per cent share of the satellite and cable audience. ITV has a 30 per cent share of that audience and BBC1 a 22 per cent share. It is BSkyB's film and sports subscription channels, which bring in most of its £1.7 million weekly revenue.

The real test of the multi-channel package will be whether the increase in choice on satellite television attracts new non-satellite homes into the market.

The assumption is that the appeal of 14 English-language channels, rising to a possible 20 next year, combined with one of the biggest advertising campaigns to have been run for a television service will — eventually — be irresistible.

In addition to the £15 million that BSkyB will be spending, through Saatchi & Saatchi, on promoting the multi-channel package from September, the new channels have contributed to a "substantial" joint on-screen and direct-mail marketing campaign.

Ultimately, however, the success of the package will depend on the quality of the output. A recent survey by the Henley Centre showed that Britons are growing disillusioned with what they regard as the falling standards of programmes and are becoming increasingly sophisticated about their choice of viewing.

The multi-channel package will include:

● Channels that are, at present, free: **UK Gold**, the joint venture owned by the BBC and Pearson, the media conglomerate, which shows corporation and Thames Television repeats. **The Children's Channel**, already available on cable and the Astra satellite, which screens animation, music programmes, drama and documentaries. **Sky One**, BSkyB's light entertainment channel.

MTV, the non-stop rock station, and **Sky News** will not be scrambled and will remain free initially, but have agreed to be marketed as part of the multi-channel package.

● **Bravo**: from noon to midnight, Bravo will screen television and cinema classics such as *The Invisible Man*, *The Bill Cosby Show*, *Casablanca* and *An American in Paris*. The service is managed and owned by United Artists Programming.

● **Discovery**: the European offshoot of the American Discovery Channel, the station has been broadcasting in Britain on cable since 1989. It will offer factual programmes and documentaries, concentrating on natural history and science, from 4pm to midnight.

● **VH-1**: big brother of the pop-music channel MTV, VH-1 will screen video music programming aimed at young adults — Elton John, Tina Turner, Eric Clapton and Sting — interspersed with live rock concerts and music documentaries.

● **The Family Channel**: squeaky-clean family entertainment from the British subsidiary of International Family Entertainment, headed by Pat Robertson, the American "televangelist" and former presidential candidate. The channel will offer a diet of golden oldies, almost exclusively from America, such as *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* and *The Wonder Years*.

● **QVC** (the shopping channel): the couch potatoes' dream, this joint venture between BSkyB and QVC, America's leading home shopping network, will screen product promotions 24 hours a day, 364 days a year. Orders are placed over the telephone.

● **Nickelodeon**: promoted as "the first channel in the world exclusively for kids and about kids", a joint venture involving BSkyB and Viacom, the American cable programmer. The channel will broadcast game shows, animation, comedies and drama from 7am to 7pm.

● **Nick at Nite**: due to be launched in early 1994, Nick at Nite is Nickelodeon for grown-ups. The channel will show classic TV archive material. The station says it is aiming at young adult viewers.

● **UK Living**: aimed at women, UK Living will offer a mix of chat shows, cookery, homemaking and health programmes. There will also be an agony aunt slot and new soap operas from America. Broadcasting from 7am to 1am, the channel is a joint venture between Thames Television, owned by Pearson, TCI, a leading American cable operator, and Cox Enterprises, the American broadcasting and publishing group.

● **Country Music Television**: another channel from the United Artists stable, CMT Europe is an all-music, all-video country music network. It will include music by artists such as Billy Ray Cyrus, Garth Brooks, Dolly Parton and Reba McEntire from 4pm to midnight.

● BSkyB channels already available on subscription, **The Movie Channel**, **Sky Movies Plus** and **Sky Movies Gold** as well as **Sky Sports**, will still be available at extra cost.

Not part of the package and remaining free to view are Ted Turner's pan-European channels, CNN, the news station, and two services to be launched this autumn, **The Cartoon Network** and **TNT Entertainment**.

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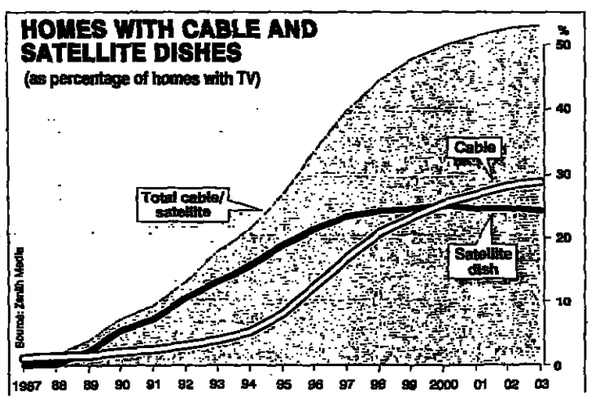

Up and down prices war

Two theories on cover prices

Sales of *The Sun* were boosted by an average 133,000 a day last month — the biggest increase since August 1987 — after Britain's biggest-selling daily newspaper started a price war with the *Daily Mirror* by cutting its price by 5p to 20p.

The true increase in sales will have been much bigger. July circulations were measured by the Audit Bureau of Circulation over five weeks and the price cut applied for only three. Unofficial estimates suggest that sales of *The Sun* have risen since the price cut by at least 250,000.

PAPER ROUND

Associated is trying a different strategy

After three years of relentless decline, the first audited figures also suggest that the price war has expanded the sale of mass-market tabloids which sell nearly seven million copies a day, a million down on four years ago (and which showed a year-on-year drop in sales in June of 300,000).

Sales of the *Daily Mirror* — which responded with a one-day-only price cut to 10p that put on 500,000 extra sales — were up by more than 8,000 in spite of the onslaught from *The Sun* and this month it is suffering no greater a loss in sales than occurs every summer. Senior management sources say there is no plan to cut the price again.

The only mass-market tabloid that suffered was the *Daily Star*. Its sales were down by more than 10,000 but recovered this month and are up by nearly 40,000 on July.

According to the ABC report, only three popular tabloids — *The Sun*, *Daily Mail* and *Today* — are selling more copies now than a year ago. Year-on-year sales of *The Sun* are now 94,000 up (instead of 52,000 down in June) against a drop of 167,000 for the *Daily Mirror* (whose sales were down by 204,000 in June).

As *The Sun* has cut its cover price, so the *Daily Mail* and *Daily Express* have increased their cover prices by 2p to 32p. Fleet Street managements are therefore engaged simultaneously in two utterly contrasting strategies.

News International, which owns *The Sun* and *Today* (as well as *The Times*), is testing the theory that newspapers have become over-priced and that price cuts will bring back readers or encourage them to buy papers more often.

Meanwhile, Associated Newspapers, owners of the *Daily Mail*, which initiated the increase in cover prices, is testing the assumption that newspapers are value for money and will still be value for money even if prices have to go still higher if VAT is imposed on newspapers in the November Budget. The irony, given that it is middle-market papers such as the *Daily Mail* that increased sales during the recession, is that both theories could be correct.

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UPDATE OF A SALES WAR

	Avg daily sale	Compared with June '93	%+/-	Compared with Jul '92	%+/-
Tabloids					
Sun	3,598,056	133,106	3.84	94,487	2.70
Mirror	2,647,754	8,439	0.32	-167,093	-5.94
Express	1,473,771	-15,290	-1.03	-52,495	-3.44
Mail	1,744,842	-895	-0.05	31,677	1.85
Star	755,598	-10,404	-1.36	-47,571	-5.92
Today	546,546	-5,566	-1.01	2,331	0.43
Total (all)	**11,499,437**	**89,390**	**0.78**	**-147,373**	**-1.27**
Qualities					
Times	359,822	-2,606	-0.72	-24,665	-6.42
Telegraph	1,017,483	4,843	0.48	-2,390	-0.23
Guardian	402,517	-4,110	-1.01	-959	-0.24
Independent	336,925	-1,903	-0.56	-37,089	-9.92
Total (all)	**2,465,086**	**1,912**	**0.08**	**-60,676**	**-2.46**
Grand total	**13,964,523**	**91,302**	**0.66**	**-208,049**	**-1.47**
Mirror Group	**3,369,824**	**-11,561**	**-0.34**	**-175,802**	**-4.94**
Popular					
NoW	4,539,696	26,498	0.59	-67,291	-1.46
The People	2,005,638	17,641	0.89	-85,767	-4.10
S Mirror	2,609,446	-9,448	-0.36	-109,797	-4.04
S Express	1,694,081	1,594	0.09	-187,362	-9.96
Mail on Sunday	1,934,801	11,086	0.58	695	0.04
Total (all)	**13,030,376**	**50,842**	**0.39**	**-508,003**	**-3.75**
Qualities					
S Times	1,196,315	-13,062	-1.08	26,056	2.23
Observer	492,502	-6,486	-1.30	-18,840	-3.68
S Telegraph	583,549	10,896	1.90	34,729	6.33
Independent	368,436	577	0.16	-23,665	-6.04
Total (all)	**2,640,802**	**-8,075**	**-0.30**	**18,280**	**0.70**
Grand total	**15,671,178**	**41,967**	**0.27**	**-489,723**	**-3.03**

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A young king courts democracy

As it celebrates 25 years of independence, a traditional African country is starting a process that will lead to a new parliament. Michael Hamlyn writes a special report

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King Mswati III: supporters of the Swazi monarchist system say it is highly democratic and that an individual voice is more likely to be heard than in a Western democracy

As Swaziland prepares for September 6, when it will celebrate the silver jubilee of its independence from Britain, it is in the middle of change, both in its internal affairs and in relations with its two large neighbours, South Africa and Mozambique.

Prince Edward, representing the Queen in her role of head of the Commonwealth, will arrive as King Mswati III is beginning to share power with his subjects. Until now, the monarch, who succeeded in 1986 and is aged 25, has had full executive power but an electoral process has started that will lead to the formation of a new parliament, setting Swaziland on a democratic path.

Executive power will probably pass from the king to the hands of an elected government, for the first time since King Mswati's father, King Sobhuza II, overturned the independence constitution in 1973. Only tribal and traditional powers will remain with King Mswati.

The changes taking place across Swaziland's frontiers are having, or will soon have, profound effects on the country's development. Swaziland is inextricably tied to South Africa, the regional giant, geographically, economically, socially and historically. So the end of apartheid and the transfer of power to the black majority could be either beneficial or destructive.

An end to sanctions and a burgeoning of trade, investment and economic growth could have a stimulating effect in Swaziland — even though there would then be less reason for companies such as Coca-Cola, which removed its investments from South Africa, to establish themselves across its borders. An increase in regional tourism could also benefit Swaziland. But an outgrowth of the violence now afflicting Natal and Transvaal could strike dead Swaziland's already weakened tourist industry.

Similarly, the peace accord in Mozambique should, if it holds, give a powerful fillip to Swaziland. Renewed access to Maputo, a port only 40 miles from the border, could transform the competitiveness of Swazi industries.

The move towards constitutional change comes in response to strong external and internal pressure. It is opposed by Swazi traditionalists, who insist that leaving executive powers with the king is in fact highly democratic: an individual voice is more likely to be heard, they say, and to have more effect, than in a Western democracy. But the king is reported by those close to him to be personally determined to increase formal democratic structures.

The election will have two stages. In primary voting, one candidate will be selected from each chief's tribal area. For the second stage, each constituency will embrace between three and five areas, and MPs will be elected from the candidates chosen in the primary vote.

The form of the election has been criticised as not going very far along the road to change. Political parties are forbidden to participate, and canvassing and campaigning have been banned. It is, however, a start, and this is acknowledged by such critics as Danny Nxumalo, the editor of the *Times of Swaziland*, who has printed criticism of the meagre amount of liberalisation proposed. Diplomats in the country welcome the changes. They have been impressed by the fact that the ballot is secret, so that nobody can know how any individual voted.

After Gambia, Swaziland is Africa's second smallest country, with fewer than a million inhabitants. It is about the same size as Wales. The country is divided into four regions: the cool, misty mountains of the highveld in the west; the undulating, warmer middleveld in the centre; the subtropical lowveld, which is humid and in summer uncomfortably hot; and, on the Mozambican border, the Lebombo hills, which are little-developed.

The highveld is the edge of Transvaal's high plateau. It is a land of startlingly beautiful mountain gorges, rivers and man-made forests, and it is in these mountains that the iron and asbestos mines that once were a source of Swazi wealth can be found.

The middleveld is rolling grassland, and is the most densely populated region. Mbabane, the old colonial capital, is in the highveld, but the royal residences in Lozitha and Lobamba, and the parliament, also in Lozitha and now being expanded, are below it in the middleveld. The light industrial complex of Matsapha, near Manzini, where the bulk of Swazi manufacturing is carried out, is also in the middleveld.

In the lowveld are the sugar-cane fields and the three mills that grind the cane. There are also citrus, pineapples and cotton fields. The lowveld covers almost two-fifths of the country, and visitors were once told that only fools and impalas lived there.

The expansion of the agribusinesses, the increasing irrigation, and the more intensive cultivation have changed all that. The impalas are now confined to the game reserves of Hlane and Mkhaya.

The Lebombo hills are mainly fit for cattle, of which Swaziland has a large number. Cattle have a special place in this traditional country, because a man's wealth and status are based on the size of his herd. A woman's status may also be measured in the number of cows her husband pays in *lobola*, or bride-price, to her family.

Despite styling itself a front-line state, Swaziland benefits from the dominant South African economy

Well-fed nation counts on its neighbour

Swaziland is not a poor country. Compared with many of the nations to the north it has stable government, a well-fed population and a fast-developing infrastructure. It has benefited from its close association with the South African economy next door, and at the same time taken advantage of its membership of the Commonwealth, its links with the European Community under the Lomé Convention and its ambivalent position as a front-line state.

Agriculture is the biggest employer, and the source of most of its foreign exchange, but Swazi factories have been able recently to hold their own against the regional competition, and there are some surprising success stories.

Production at Refrigerators Swaziland, for instance, is expanding, and YKK, the zip-fastener maker, has been so successful that South African competitors tried to impose an import quota on it, contrary to the rules of the Common Customs Union (CCU).

But because it is tied closely to the economy of its giant neighbour, Swaziland has suffered the same buffets of fate. Last year's drought afflicted Swaziland, as it did South Africa. The continuing recession has battered its growth. The uncertainty and violence associated with progress towards democracy in South Africa have deterred tourists.

Nevertheless, because the Swazi currency, the lilangeni (for which the plural is emalangeni), is firmly tied to the rand, its rate of exchange, while gently declining against the dominant currencies, has more than held its own against the weaker ones.

Membership of the CCU has meant that Swazi goods can be traded without hindrance in South Africa. More than that, the customs and excise duties levied by the CCU are shared on a negotiated basis that amounts to a virtual subsidy to the Swazis from South Africa.

Payments from the customs union now amount to 40 per cent of Swaziland's income. The South Africans have already indicated, however, that they want to renegotiate the deal, and pressure for this will increase rather than diminish under an African National Congress government. This is a real concern to the Swazis because the country has for the first time begun to run a budget deficit.

"The deficit is well-manageable at present," says one observer in Mbabane, the capital. "But there is no sign that the Swazis have the political resolve to deal with it. They are required to make some unpopular decisions, for example, to reduce the size of the civil service."

Until last year the budget ran a surplus. In 1991-2, it was E21 million (£4.2 million). But the deficit for 1992-3 was E72 million, and the projected deficit for 1993-4 is E119 million.

Swaziland's dependence on South Africa is well illustrated by one effect of last year's drought. In normal times the Swazis generate only 40 per cent of the electricity they use. The remaining 60 per cent they draw from the South African electricity grid. At the height of the drought they found that their hydro-electricity generating system did not have enough water in it, and until the rains came, 90 per cent of their needs were supplied by South Africa.

A new hydro-electric scheme is being planned on the Komati river. The river rises in South Africa and flows back into South Africa, so the planning is being done jointly.

Another, less obvious advantage that Swaziland has over the economies to the north is the presence of well-trained and experienced business, commercial and industrial experts across the border who can be imported at a fraction of the cost of maintaining an expatriate manager from Europe or America. There is a willingness to accept expatriate management without radical calls for liberation or pressure for localisation of senior jobs.

Most of the country's economic activity is in fact in the hands of expatriates, sent either by bodies like the Commonwealth Development Corporation or such South African conglomerates as Anglo American or Gencor. Local participation comes mainly through the Swazi Industrial Development Corporation and Tibiyo Taka Ngwane, another Swazi-owned corporation.

Tibiyo, which also celebrates its 25th anniversary this year, was founded as a repository of mineral royalties due to the Swazi king, to be held in trust for the nation. The royalties grew and were invested, helping to pay for strategic investments, and matters important to Swazi culture.

Finally, there is a challenge that Swaziland does not share with South Africa. At 3.7 per cent a year, its population growth is Africa's highest and is likely to wipe out any contribution to higher living standards that resumed economic growth may bring once the recession ends. The population, just short of a million, will be two million by 2016.

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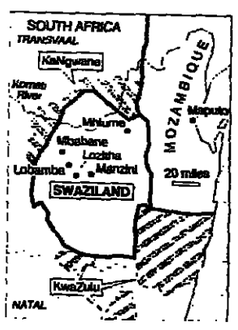
HISTORY

Land ruled by line of kings

TRADITION is highly important in the life of the Swazi kingdom, and what is known of the early history of its people is entirely based on oral tradition.

The first inhabitants of the area were the bushmen, or Khoi-San people, who have left their stamp on the country only through rock paintings, which still exist in several regions.

The great Bantu migration from west and central Africa brought the ancestors of the Swazis to the Maputo area in the 16th century. They were part of the Nguni ethnic group, which includes the Xhosa, Zulu and Shangaan people of South Africa. The tribe



came to historical attention around 1750 when, led by King Ngwane III, they crossed into the land they presently occupy.

Ngwane III's grandson, Sobhuza, succeeded in 1818, and soon found himself facing ambitious, expansionist kings to the south, including Shaka, the authentic founder of the military Zulu nation. Sobhuza, who did not lack military ability himself, turned north and built himself an empire that was twice as large as present-day Swaziland.

His son, Mswati, succeeded in 1839, just as Zulu power began to wane. He inherited and improved on his father's war machine, and became the most powerful king in the region. Since the Zulus pronounce the Swazi "t" as a "z", Mswati came to be pronounced Mswazi, and his subjects were known as the Swazi people from then on.

At this time, the first Europeans began to drift into Mswati's domain. At first they helped to protect it from the Zulus, but his successors suffered the erosion of their lands by adventurers and concession hunters and eventually the whole kingdom was placed under European rule. The Boers of Transvaal longed for the access to the sea that Swaziland could have allowed them, but the British saw to it that Swaziland remained under their protection.

After a series of boundary revisions, a greatly reduced kingdom officially became a British protectorate in 1903, at the end of the Boer War. Under British rule, executive power was held by the British crown, and tribal, traditional power by the Swazi king. This remained so until independence was granted in 1968.

King Sobhuza II ascended the throne in 1921, after his mother, the queen regent, had insisted that he become the first of the royal line to undergo a Western education. When he died 61 years later, in 1982, he had been the longest-serving monarch of this century.

Independence had been granted under a London-tailored constitution. Sobhuza abrogated the constitution in 1973, after three opposition MPs had been elected to his otherwise tame Westminster-style parliament. Since then, all executive power has been returned to the king's hands.

Sobhuza's son, Makhosetive, was a schoolboy at Sherborne, Dorset, when Sobhuza died. He was summoned home by his mother after his quarrelling uncles threatened the country with serious instability. In April 1986, at the age of 18, he was installed as King Mswati III.

The government is encouraging fresh ideas to avoid a bitter harvest for the sugar business, the nation's biggest

Farmers refine tactics

DENNIS CLEAVER / CDC

Pineapple crush: harvesting begins in the plantations, giving factories, which also can grapefruit, a double season

The biggest business in Swaziland, and the biggest industry, is based on agriculture: the growing and milling of sugar. At Mhlume, the tall chimney of the cane-mill belches black smoke into the sparkling air of winter on the lowveld.

In summer the temperatures reach 105 degrees in the cane-fields. In winter the workers endure such temperatures only in the altitude of the evaporator floor, where the cane-juice bubbles and froths as it dwindles to a viscous sweet-tasting treacle.

The industry provides work for nearly 12,000 Swazis. At one time, cane-cutting used to be despised as too physically demanding, and had to be undertaken by teams of imported Malawians, but at the mills or on the mill-owned fields today's workers are well-treated. "We look after them from the cradle to the grave," says Trevor Gothan, Mhlume's deputy managing director. "We have a maternity clinic, and we make coffins on the estate."

More is done for the workforce between those two terminal events. They are housed in carefully graded villages, from apartments for the workers to villas for the managers. They are treated at mill hospitals, trained at mill schools, and exercise on mill sports grounds: soccer pitches for the workers, tennis courts for the white-collar staff, cricket fields for the management.

Mhlume is one of three mills in the country, which between them produce almost half a million tonnes of raw sugar a year. With only around 10 per cent of the sugar consumed locally, the mills' production is far and away the largest export earner.

Much of the crop is sold on preferential terms in the European Community, under the Lomé Convention, or in the United States. But these quota markets cannot be guaranteed for ever, and the profit margins in them are continually contracting. On the other hand, the sugar placed on the open world market can sometimes sell for less than the cost of production.

A new industrial strategy is being developed, therefore, which will involve increasing the amount of refined sugar offered for sale and efforts to attract further sugar-consuming industry to the country. Meanwhile, there will be a cost advantage from the re-opening of the bulk sugar terminal at Maputo. During the troubled years, thefts and terrorist attacks there caused heavy losses, which reached a peak of 10,000 tonnes in 1990; at extra cost exports were switched 300 miles further south to Durban.

Much of Swaziland's industry is already based on agricultural production, and includes the sugar-consuming soft drinks and sweet industry, led by Cadbury Schweppes. Conco, the company that produces Coca Cola's secret concentrate, is also there. The company moved to Swaziland from South Africa in response to sanctions, but now that it is established in Swaziland, it seems likely to stay, and continue to supply concentrate to the region.

Many of the sugar companies also have an interest in the citrus farms nearby on the lowveld. Production is mainly of grapefruit, in groves protected from the searing winds by breaks of pines: premium Red Ruby and Marsh White grapefruit, and also Valencia oranges, all of which Outspan, the South African company, sells in Europe and Japan.

Canning businesses consume the remainder of the grapefruit crop. Then, while the citrus farms rest, harvesting of the pineapple fields begins, which gives the cannery a double season.

Unlike the Natal farms, Swaziland's sugar withstood the rigours of the southern African drought because all its cane-fields are irrigated. The timber industry suffered: trees died in the drought, which caused expensive piecemeal cropping, and stored up losses for later years, when the affected forests would normally have become ready to cut.

The timber industry has also been badly affected by a worldwide oversupply of wood pulp. After some reasonably prosperous years in the late 1980s, world capacity expanded and prices dropped.

Tourist industry dances to traditional tune

The ceremonial culture of one of Africa's kingdoms lures visitors

Everywhere in the green wooded resort of Phophonyane is the sound of water. Rivulets gurgle in unseen cuts. Streams rush to the river. The river tumbles in a broad cataract beside a green pool set into the rock face. The pool is for swimming, and the view from it opens across the valley to the widening plain below and the misty mountains of the Drakensberg range far off across the South African border.

Phophonyane, in the north-west of Swaziland, is a nature reserve with small game, bush-buck, duiker and such, which scamper through indigenous trees replanted on what was once pasture cleared for cattle. Thatched cottages, simply furnished but well-made and equipped for self-catering, blend into the woodland. A tented camp provides more informal accommodation.

The animals, the trees, the luminous beauty of the valley and the water perhaps indicate a future direction for Swaziland's tourist industry. Ecotourism is now a vogue word in southern Africa, describing tourist activities that benefit the economy while at the same time conserving the environment and a country's social resources.

The beauty of Swaziland's mountains and valleys, and the richness of the African wildlife which can be sustained in its plains, could help the country to take advantage of the ecotourism vogue.

The Swazis also have an additional advantage: the authentic traditions of their African culture. King Mswati III is ruler of one of only three independent African kingdoms (Lesotho and Morocco are the others), and the continuing customs of his court and his people are, Swazi officials believe, a marketable product.

Annual ceremonies such as the Umhlanga or the Ncwala could provide a focus for tourist interest. The Umhlanga is a wintertime reed dance, in which bare-breasted maidens take part in a week-long ritual that is partly ancient fertility rite, partly a marriage mart, and partly a Girl Guide-style camp.

The Ncwala, or first fruits festival, takes place in the hottest part of summer, around or just after Christmas and the new year. Young men dance a harvest thanksgiving which is a celebration of the power and unity of the nation, involving much spear-shaking and the active participation of the king himself.

Neither ceremony is geared to tourists. Indeed, at some stages outsiders are forbidden to be present. But officials believe that arrangements could be made to encourage their presence. Tourists could also be encouraged to attend other ceremonies that occur around the year, such as weddings, at which there is also dancing, singing and the wearing of traditional clothing.

There is a fear that with commercial exploitation, these cultural events could become meretricious, and it perhaps explains why money granted for the building of an ethnic village especially for tourists has still not been spent. Swazi officials admit that tourism has not received as much government attention as it should have. "Swaziland is not making an aggressive effort to market its tourism," declares Norman Malinga, the principal secretary and head of the tourism ministry.

In the not so distant past Swaziland's tourist industry was able to grow without apparent effort. As an independent country almost surrounded by South Africa, it was well placed to provide a refuge for those seeking to avoid the rigours of South African religious and racial bigotry. Afrikaners could meet black women. Films were uncensored. Banned films and books could be enjoyed. Swaziland had the first of southern Africa's casinos.

In addition, tourists travelling from the Kruger Park in eastern Transvaal to the game parks or beach resorts of Natal often went through Swaziland. The country also lay across the route from the Witwatersrand, the commercial and industrial heart of South Africa, to Lourenço Marques, now Maputo, the Indian Ocean resort that was the exotic capital of colonial Mozambique.

All of this has changed. South Africa itself has already changed, and Maputo has been the centre of a bitter civil war. The run-down state of the South African economy means that there are fewer South African tourists.

Now that a peace accord has been signed with the rebels in Mozambique, however, it is possible to think of co-operation with the Mozambican government. Rod de Vletter, the owner of the Phophonyane resort, has a plan for a transnational ecotourist zone the environment of which would be managed jointly. It would include parts of South Africa, of KaNgwane, the self-governing black homeland, and KwaZulu.

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NEWS

Labour promises to cut spending

■ Labour yesterday jettisoned the economic policy that lost it the last general election and resolved to replace its "high tax, high spend" image with one of "invest and grow".

Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor, promised not to penalise the rich and also pledged to cut wasteful spending. "Labour is not against wealth, nor will we seek to penalise it," he declared at the launch of the party's new economic strategy. Pages 1, 15

Operation Irma 'sop to public opinion'

■ A British medical team just back from the Bosnian Muslim enclave of Tuzla criticised Operation Irma as a "sop to public opinion". At the same time, Downing Street made clear that Britain was unlikely in the immediate future to take any more medical evacuees from Sarajevo Pages 1, 2

Monopoly threat

The Monopolies and Mergers Commission yesterday demanded an end to British Gas's virtual monopoly over domestic gas supply. To compensate it for the loss of profitable customers the MMC called for a relaxing of the price restraint on household gas bills Pages 1, 2, 23, 24 and 27

Gummer insulted

The Anglo-Norwegian row over British gas emissions plumbed new depths, with the Norwegian environment minister accusing John Gummer of being insolent and a "shitbag" Page 1

Policeman shot

Two men were being questioned after a policeman was hit in the head when security van raiders fired a sub-machine-gun at pursuing police Page 3

Sex case claim

A solicitor accused of trying to rape a fellow lawyer later claimed he was entitled to sex because he had spent £200 on her, a court was told Page 3

Peugeot setback

Peugeot, the latest victim of the recession sweeping through continental markets, has stopped production of its 405 saloon models in Britain. Page 2

Mother's help

The parents of Britain's most recent set of sextuplets have been granted six full-time home helps to look after the children at a cost of £104,000 a year Page 4

Guppy jail leave

Darius Guppy, the Old Etonian sentenced to five years for his part in a £1.8 million gem swindle, has spent five days out of jail, including an overnight stay at his London home Page 8

Surgeon backed

A heart specialist won support from medical organisations after defending his refusal to carry out tests on a smoker who later died from a heart attack Page 6

Conservation truce

Waterfowl are returning in greater numbers to one of Britain's most important wetlands, the Somerset Levels and moors, where farmers and conservationists have called a truce after years conflict Page 8

Military monument

A hillside monument and garden are to be built at Sevastapol to commemorate the the British soldiers who died in the Charge of the Light Brigade Page 9

Conservative anger

The white right-wing Conservative Party condemned South Africa's decision to hand over control of the port city of Walvis Bay to Namibia Page 11

Bosnia peace talks

President Izetbegovic of Bosnia and Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, met to discuss the future of eastern Bosnia scene last year of some of the worst human rights abuses Page 10

Voice of the British forces

Veterans of the British Forces Broadcasting Service gathered in the Chelsea sunshine to celebrate a half century of informing and entertaining British troops and their families in about 60 countries. The anniversary of an organisation that apparently began life in a harem in Algiers is being marked by an exhibition at the National Army Museum Page 3

Learning the ropes: residents of Manila using guidelines to steer their way through flooded streets yesterday after a storm. There were no reports of casualties but about 5,000 people fled their homes and tens of thousands of commuters were stranded

BUSINESS

Glistening bank: Jacques de Larosiere, governor of the Bank of France, is set to become president of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development after all the rivals withdrew Page 24

Economy: Government borrowing of £1.5 billion in July was less than expected, leading analysts to forecast that the government may undershoot its £50 billion target for the year Page 23

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index closed at a fresh record high of 3025.0, up 16.7. Sterling's trade-weighed index closed up 0.7 at 81.0 backed by a rise from $1.4805 to $1.4945 and from DM2.4980 to DM2.5227 Page 26

SPORT

Cricket: In Keith Fletcher's estimation he is the best bowler this country has produced in ten years. Michael Henderson assesses Angus Fraser, recalled to the England scene for the Oval Test Page 40

Athletics: Merlene Ottey is convinced she won the women's 100 metres world championship final in Stuttgart on Tuesday night. Race officials decided otherwise. Simon Barnes ponders the worth of the moral victory Page 42

Cycling: Australia provided the surprises at the cycling world track championships when Gary Niewand was fastest in the 200 metres qualifying time-trial for the sprint event Page 40

FEATURES

Novel question: If *Just William* defined a post-war generation who went to tennis parties and drank lemonade on the lawn, what generation does *Adrian Mole* define? Page 12

Brain teaser: How good a guide to your IQ is skill at chess? Alan Baddeley investigates Page 13

MEDIA

Summer madness: Roy Greenslade takes a lighthearted look at the editorial conference in the silly season Page 18

Price conscious: Satellite television viewers are about to be spoilt for choice — but will they want to pay for it? Page 19

ARTS

Repeat performance: First he set *Figaro* on Trump Tower, then he played *The Magic Flute* on and under a Los Angeles freeway. Now Peter Sellars time-warps Aeschulus's 2,500-year-old *The Persians* to Gulf war Baghdad Page 37

Heady experience: Scottish Opera's new production of Verdi's *I Due Foscari* sent our reviewer into the Edinburgh night with a sheaf of rum-ti-tum tunes surging through his head Page 37

Welcome change: The new-look Salzburg Festival, masterminded by Gérard Mortier, certainly justified its existence with this year's major presentation, Monteverdi's *Coronation of Poppea* Page 38

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES

Lord Carnarvon lost his second horse in two weeks when two-year-old Pommes Frites died after an operation to repair a chipped knee-bone Page 44

Lisa Webster and her husband cut short a weekend break in France after they were ambushed and terrorised by motorway bandits Page 3

Sarah Cohen, who is being paid £6,000 compensation after being falsely imprisoned by police who were hunting IRA terrorists Page 2

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Ethnic minority health

■ Simon Wessely looks at the problems and dilemmas set by the high incidence of schizophrenia among Afro-Caribbean communities.

Rural France on hard times

■ Large stretches of countryside and a traditional way of life are in danger of disappearing as massive social change and hard times hit France's farmlands.

Art on a shoestring

■ For what it would cost to pay Harrison Ford's chauffeur, director Robert Rodriguez has made an entire film. And Hollywood loves the result.

TV LISTINGS

An imaginary weekend in the life of John Lennon and Beatles' manager Brian Epstein is the subject of a witty drama by Christopher Münch, *The Hours and the Times* (Channel 4, 9pm) Page 43

OPINION

The wrong diagnosis

To judge from yesterday's policy statements, Labour does not yet accept that the root causes of growth and investment are profits and entrepreneurial freedom. Until Labour begins to understand this, its economic strategy will not convince Page 15

Occupied East Timor

Britain should use its permanent seat on the UN security council to insist that Indonesia be subjected to *sharp sanctions* until it unconditionally vacates occupied East Timor Page 15

Long Red Line

Although war memorials lie too thick over the surface of the earth, a memorial in the Crimea has more purpose than most. In an overused phrase, that campaign really was a turning-point Page 15

COLUMNS

SIMON JENKINS

From Somalia to Estonia, from Los Angeles to Kashmir, embattled tribes (however defined) are demanding recognition as groups not as individuals. Deny them group rights, abuse their cultures, beliefs, languages or dialects, and they will come and kill you Page 14

ALAN COREN

Press this key: see, a rudimentary oblong battlement has materialised, with a little Lego-like bloke standing on it. He is called *Bernardo*. He *squeaks*, "Who's there?" A multiple choice now appears: *(a) Postman Pat, (b) Francisco, (c) A Ninja Turtle*. Press the key again; if you have got the right answer, Francisco, Horatio and Marcellus appear Page 14

LETTERS

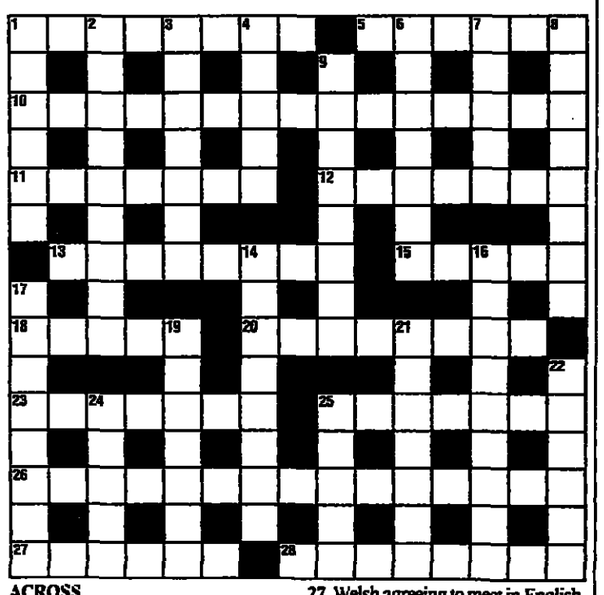
Responses to the proposal that private operators might run secure remand homes for juvenile offenders Page 15

THE PAPERS

Sadly, Europeans yet need to be brought to a broader view of their responsibilities not just for silencing the guns in a war in their house (Bosnia) but also for making sure the conflict does not spread and for drafting a peace that points toward regional stability

— Washington Post

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,312



ACROSS

1 Speculate on artist representative of us (4,4)
5 Stars don't shine when examined (6)
10 Awfully industrious — can't play (5,10)
11 For instance, include loose women within extended family (7)
12 Top-class sprinter — *one said to* take drugs, perhaps? (7)
13 Guides using sign on trail (8)
15 Leaders in this influence many eminent statesmen (5)
18 How to raise standards? Athlete uses this approach (3-2)
20 Poisonous stuff put into blend, in particular (8)
23 Unfriendly? Certainly not immediately approachable (7)
25 Source of power turned off — that could be wise (7)
26 Play bringing anguish to audience in theatre (10,5)
27 Welsh agreeing to meet in English town (6)
28 Make short work of prisoner of limited intelligence (8)

DOWN

1 Some travellers suffer from this delay — put a spurt on (3-3)
2 Could be badly hurt in such an accident (3-3-3)
3 Coach top person for performance in a way (7)
4 Street lighting once provided for those driving along coast (5)
6 Showing tolerance that's new in period of abstinence (7)
7 Like a rough diamond found in a foreign nick (5)
8 Highly confidential — still gets duplicated (4-4)
9 In accord with amendment of harsh laws (8)
14 Threatening a Conservative minister at first (8)
16 Model made by author of horse, not quite finished (9)
17 This guide our railways had was complicated (8)
19 Carriage taking hard-hearted father to school (7)
21 Didn't eat a lot of nuts (7)
22 Sounds like appropriate contributor for *Spectator* (6)
24 Approach game cautiously as bridge player, say (5)
25 Top artist covers up swindle in gallery (5)

This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 37 per cent of the competitors at the 1993 Bristol regional final of The Times Knockando Crossword Championship.

Solution to Puzzle No 19,311

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WEATHER

Early mist and fog in central and southern areas will clear; then England and Wales will be mostly dry with sunny spells. Becoming cloudier in northern areas and Wales; some showers. Patchy rain in Northern Ireland and Scotland will move south. Brighter later in northwest Scotland with showers, this weather moving south. Outlook: Fine in the south, then rain spreading south from Scotland, followed by showers into Scotland.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog, s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	29	84	s	Majorca	33	91	s
Alicatti	30	86	s	Malaga	27	81	c
Alex'dria	28	82	f	Malta	33	91	s
Algiers	31	88	f	Melb'rne	12	54	c
Amst'dam	18	64	s	Mexico C*	21	70	f
Athens	32	90	s	Miami*	34	93	f
Bahrain	36	97	s	Milan	31	88	s
Bangkok	32	90	f	Montreal*	26	82	f
Barbados*	31	88	f	Moscow	15	59	f
Barcelona	28	82	s	Munich	25	77	f
Beirut	29	84	s	Nairobi	20	68	c
Belgrade	32	90	s	Naples	29	84	s
Berlin	19	66	s	N Delhi	31	88	f
Bermuda*	29	82	s	N York*	27	81	f
Biarritz	30	86	s	Nice	30	86	s
Borda'x	32	90	s	Oslo	16	61	c
Brussels	19	66	c	Paris	24	75	s
Budapst	33	91	f	Peking	31	88	s
B Aires*	10	50	f	Perth	19	66	s
Cairo	33	91	s	Prague	19	66	c
Cape Tn	17	63	s	Reykjavik	11	52	c
Chicago*	26	79	f	Rhodes	29	84	s
Ch'church	10	50	s	Rio de J	25	77	f
Cologne	20	68	s	Riyadh	42	108	s
C'phagn	16	61	f	Rome	28	82	s
Corfu	31	88	s	Salzburg	26	79	f
Dublin	18	64	s	S F'risco*	19	66	s
Dubrovnik	30	86	f	Santiago*	13	55	s
Faro	24	75	f	S Paulo*	22	72	c
Florence	35	95	s	Seoul	28	79	c
Frankfurt	22	72	s	Sing'por	32	90	f
Funchal	24	75	s	St'holm	16	61	c
Geneva	28	82	s	Strasb'rg	26	79	s
Gibraltar	25	77	c	Sydney	15	59	s
Helsinki	15	59	f	Tangier	24	75	c
Hong K	27	81	c	Tel Aviv	31	88	c
Innsbruck	26	79	f	Tenerife	23	73	c
Istanbul	29	84	s	Tokyo	27	81	c
Jeddah	38	100	s	Toronto*	22	72	c
Jo'burg*	22	72	s	Tunis	33	90	f
L Palmas	25	77	f	Valencia	29	84	s
Le Touet	19	66	f	Vanc'ver*	17	63	c
Lisbon	25	77	s	Venice	31	88	s
Locarno	28	82	s	Vienna	30	86	s
L Angele*	23	73	c	Warsaw	23	73	c
Luxembg	21	70	s	Washton*	32	90	c
Luxor	40	104	s	Wel'ngton	11	52	f
Madrid	30	86	s	Zurich	25	79	s

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 21C (70F), min 6pm to 6am, 12C (54F). Humidity 6pm, 50 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 10.7hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,028.7 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Northolt, London 23C (73F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, Shetland 13C (55F); highest rainfall: Aboyne, Grampian 0.44in; highest sunshine: Tiree, Hebrides 12.9hr

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 20C (68F), min 6pm to 6am, 7C (45F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 5.9hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 18C (64F), min 6pm to 6am, 5C (41F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 9.4hr

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	5.4	0.01	16	61	shower
Anglesey	11.3	-	17	63	sunny
Aviemore	4.9	0.02	16	61	shower
Belfast	10.0	0.01	17	63	sunny
Birmingham	10.5	0.05	20	68	sunny
Bognor Regis	5.1	-	21	70	bright
Bournemouth	8.5	-	22	72	sunny
Bristol	11.1	-	22	72	sunny
Buxton	11.0	-	17	63	sunny
Cardiff	10.6	-	19	66	sunny
Clacton	1.6	-	20	68	cloudy
Colwyn Bay	10.8	-	16	61	sunny
Cromer	7.8	0.04	17	63	sunny
Eastbourne	2.5	-	20	68	cloudy
Edinburgh	6.2	0.32	18	64	rain
Eskdalemuir	5.1	0.17	16	61	sunny
Exmouth	9.0	-	21	70	sunny
Falmouth	10.4	-	21	70	sunny
Folkestone	3.6	-	19	66	cloudy
Glasgow	7.9	0.04	18	64	shower
Guernsey	4.4	-	20	68	sunny
Hastings	2.8	-	21	70	bright
Isle of Man	11.7	-	17	63	sunny
Jersey	7.5	-	21	70	bright
Kinloss	9.0	-	17	63	sunny
Leeds	8.5	-	22	72	sunny
Littlehampton	4.3	-	22	72	sunny
Liverpool	12.0	-	16	61	sunny
London	7.4	-	22	72	sunny
Lowestoft	4.0	-	19	66	sunny
Manchester	11.2	-	18	64	sunny
Margate	2.4	-	20	68	cloudy
Newcastle	4.3	0.13	15	59	rain
Newquay	9.8	-	17	63	sunny
Nottingham	10.6	0.03	20	68	sunny
Penzance	9.5	-	21	70	sunny
Plymouth	9.9	-	20	68	sunny
Poole	5.6	-	22	72	sunny
Salcombe	8.4	-	20	68	sunny
Sandown	4.0	-	21	70	sunny
Saunton Snd	11.0	-	19	66	sunny
Scarborough	3.6	0.26	17	63	shower
Southend	4.2	-	22	72	bright
Southsea	4.7	-	22	72	sunny
Stornoway	10.7	0.05	16	61	shower
Swanage	4.7	-	20	68	sunny
Teignmouth	9.4	-	20	68	sunny
Tenby	11.2	-	19	66	sunny
Tiree	12.5	-	15	59	sunny
Torquay	8.2	-	21	70	sunny
Weymouth	6.5	-	20	68	sunny
Wick	9.0	0.01	15	59	sunny

These are Monday's figures

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.28	2.08
Austria Sch	18.70	17.20
Belgium Fr	58.67	52.57
Canada $	2.072	1.912
Cyprus Cypf	0.79	0.74
Denmark Kr	10.98	10.16
Finland Mkk	8.29	8.49
France Fr	9.35	8.85
Germany Dm	2.68	2.46
Greece Dr	368.00	341.00
Hong Kong $	12.18	11.18
Ireland Pt	1.13	1.05
Italy Lira	2488.00	2333.00
Japan Yen	168.70	149.20
Netherlands Gld	2.990	2.760
Norway Kr	1.53	10.73
Portugal Esc	268.80	250.30
South Africa Rd	5.85	4.95
Spain Pta	215.10	201.10
Sweden Kr	12.53	11.73
Switzerland Fr	2.35	2.17
Turkey Lira	17813.0	16813.0
USA $	1.586	1.456

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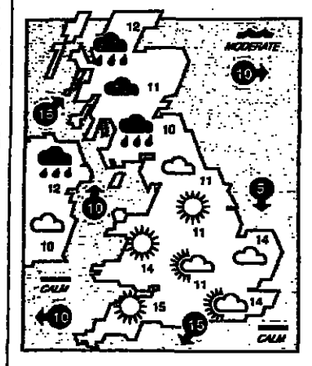

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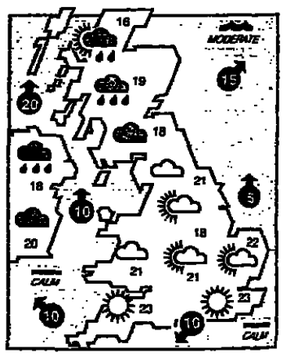

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Penzance 9.05 pm to 5.46 am

Sun rises: 5.51 am
Sun sets: 8.17pm
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Moon rises 6.50 am

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YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	18	64	s	Guernsey	19	66	s
B'mingham	17	63	s	Inverness	15	59	f
Blackpool	17	63	f	Jersey	21	70	s
Bristol	19	66	s	London	20	68	f
Cardiff	20	68	f	M'nchester	18	64	f
Edinburgh	18	64	f	Newcastle	19	66	s
Glasgow	17	63	f	R'nldsway	16	61	s

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.47	7.3	3.06	7.3	Liverpool			12.22	9.6
Aberdeen	1.57	4.5	2.24	4.4	Lowestoft	10.18	2.6	11.03	2.4
Avonmouth	8.24	13.4	8.41	13.9	Margate	12.53	4.8	1.05	4.9
Belfast	12.09	3.3			Milford Haven	7.17	7.1	7.35	7.4
Cardiff	8.09	12.4	8.26	12.8	Newquay	6.07	7.1	6.25	7.2
Devonport					Oban				
Dover			12.08	6.8	Penzance	5.55	5.5	6.10	5.8
Falmouth	6.30	5.2	6.44	5.5	Portland				
Glasgow	1.44	4.8	2.29	4.7	Portsmouth				
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Holyhead	11.23	5.6	11.38	6.0	Southampton			12.04	4.6
Hull	7.14	7.6	7.40	7.6	Swansea	7.29	9.8	7.48	10.2
Ilfracombe	7.05	9.4	7.24	9.7	Tees	4.34	5.6	5.04	5.5
King's Lynn	7.26	5.8	8.04	6.8	Wilton-on-Nze	12.34	4.2	12.53	4.3
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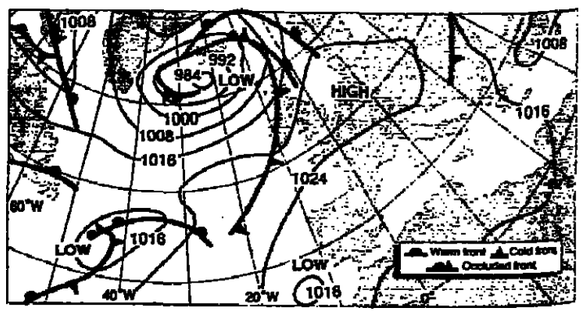

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Hanson reported a third-quarter fall in pre-tax profits from £276 million to £266 million
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US $ ..... 1.4945 (+0.0140)
German mark .. 2.5227 (+0.0247)
Exchange index ..... 81.0 (+0.7)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 3025.0 (+16.7)
Dow Jones ... 3581.39 (+2.24)*
Nikkei Avge . 20841.98 (-59.51)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month interbank..... $5^{15}/_{16}$-$5^{13}/_{16}$%
US Federal Funds..... $3^{1}/_{16}$%*
3-month Treas Bills . 3.02-3.01%*
Long Bond 6.29%*

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$/Yen	101.45*	£:Yen	150.78
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London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($).
AM 372.50 ..... PM 371.60
Close 372.20-373.00
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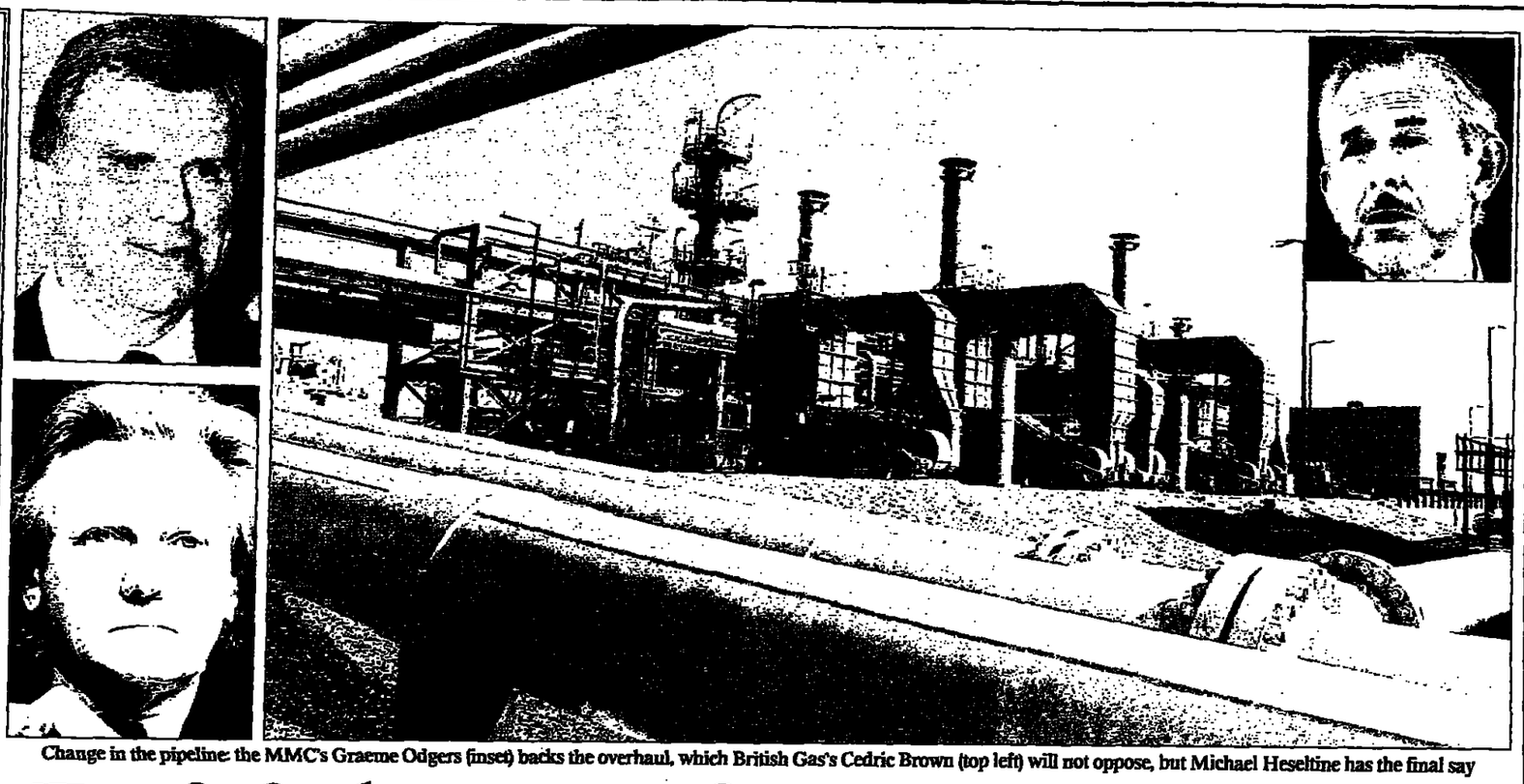

Change in the pipeline: the MMC's Graeme Odgers (inset) backs the overhaul, which British Gas's Cedric Brown (top left) will not oppose, but Michael Heseltine has the final say

British Gas faces break-up

BY ROSS TIEMAN AND SUSAN GILCHRIST

The monopolies commission report that British Gas called for to establish its commercial future has recommended that its monopoly on household supply be ended

THE Monopolies and Mergers Commission has called for a fundamental overhaul of gas supply in Britain. It wants British Gas reduced to a monopoly transmission company and a phased opening of the household tariff market to competition.

If adopted, the MMC report would lead to a strategic shift in utility regulation. Instead of operating in a price cap regime, the pipeline business, serving independent gas suppliers, would be allowed a fixed rate of return on its assets.

By March 31, 1997, British Gas would be obliged to divest its gas trading arm. On the same date, the threshold for the monopoly supply to tariff customers would be reduced from 2,500 therms to 1,500, enabling independents to compete to supply a further 400,000 homes and 100,000 businesses. Full removal of the monopoly should follow three to five years later, after safety and other concerns have been settled, the MMC says.

The MMC recommends that the tariff formula, which caps prices charged to household customers, should be eased from retail price index minus five percentage points to RPI minus four, with effect from next April. This is intended to balance the government's reduction in the competition threshold a year ago from 25,000 therms to 2,500, which cost British Gas a chunk of lucrative business.

The MMC has also concluded that British Gas should be allowed to earn a return of between 4 and 4.5 per cent on its distribution business, although new investments could reap 6.5 to 7.5 per cent.

Industry department ministers, led by Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, will note public reaction to the proposals before deciding whether to adopt them in whole or in part.

First reactions to the study were mixed. British Gas, which triggered the enquiry last year in despair at the creeping effect of liberalisation on its business, said the report "should allow the business to plan ahead with greater certainty".

But Cedric Brown, chief executive, said the MMC offered only "limited financial relief" from the pressure of regulation on profits. "We shall therefore undertake a stringent review of our entire investment programme," he said. The company has said that up to 20,000 of its 76,200 UK employees could lose their jobs.

Rival suppliers, which have already captured more than a third of the industrial gas market, were pleased with the thrust of the MMC conclusions, but disappointed that the monopoly would not be removed sooner.

Utilicorp UK, which markets gas in partnership with six electricity companies, said there was no real threat to British Gas's monopoly over the household gas market for at least five years.

Roger Turner, Utilicorp's managing director, called the report a "token gesture" as far as the consumer was concerned. "There is now a real danger that nine out of ten consumers will never enjoy the benefits of cheaper prices through competition," he said.

London Total Gas, a joint venture between Total, the oil company, and London Electricity, called on the government to take early action to open the way for competition.

Unions expressed their concern, both for the jobs of their members and for the safety of the gas supply system. David Stirzaker of Unison, the public sector super-union, warned that for every job lost in British Gas, another would be lost at one of the company's suppliers.

Graeme Odgers, chairman of the MMC, said the enquiry had focused on the need to remove a conflict of interest between British Gas's monopoly control of the distribution system, and its role as a gas supplier using that system to compete with independents.

He hoped the proposals would end the nine-year war of attrition waged by the Office of Gas Supply to force British Gas to allow the growth of competition. The MMC went out of its way to give the regulatory system a clean bill of health.

John Dorken, Ofgas deputy director general, said Ofgas was "generally pleased" with the findings.

Mr Odgers said British Gas had estimated the cost of divesting the gas trading business at £80 million. The bill should be borne by household customers rather than shareholders. British Gas was free to decide whether to include the appliance showrooms and its servicing operation in the sale, Mr Odgers said.

At British Gas, Mr Brown insisted that divestment was unnecessary, but said the company would go along with the recommendations. Divestment was attractive for shareholders, since the MMC had recognised that the costs should not be incurred by shareholders. British Gas would remain under severe financial pressure if the findings were implemented. "Even accounting for the job losses, the business will still be financially squeezed," he said.

The City welcomed the MMC's report, saying its recommendations could have been far more damaging to British Gas's profitability.

Liz Butler, an analyst at Panmure Gordon, said: "British Gas was never going to get everything it wanted, but the positives definitely outweigh the negatives."

"British Gas has done pretty well out of this review," said one analyst. "A financial squeeze was coming anyway, and most of MMC's proposals won't even happen until 1997. I won't be rushing to downgrade my profit forecasts."

British Gas issued its own forecast for its interim results for the six months to June 30. Profit after tax will not be less than £503 million on a current cost basis, and earning per share should exceed 11.6p. The interim dividend will be maintained at 6.4p.

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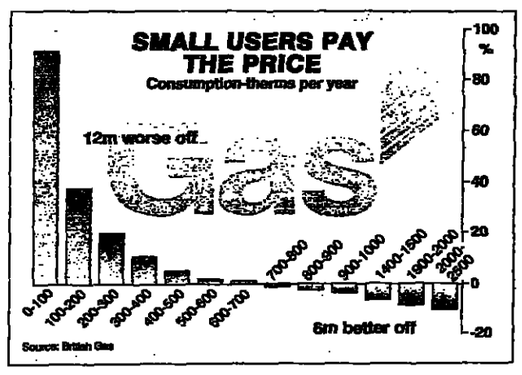

PSBR could beat forecast

BY GEORGE SIVELL

BRITAIN is on course to undershoot the government's £50 billion estimate for public borrowing this year, economists said, after the public sector borrowing requirement for July was revealed to be £1.55 billion — less than the £1.8 billion or £1.9 billion the market had expected.

Optimism has grown in recent months that economic recovery would strengthen government receipts from taxes and excise duties and reduce the tax increases and spending cuts expected in the November Budget.

But Downing Street was cautious about reading too much into the July figures, saying it still expected the borrowing requirement for the year to be £50 billion. The consensus City forecast is for a 1993-4 borrowing requirement of £47.7 billion. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, has said he is determined to take measures to reduce the yawning gap between what the government pays out and the amount it receives.

Over the first four months of the government's fiscal year, the PSBR was £14.9 billion, against £11.4 billion at the same stage last year. Officials at the Central Statistical Office said borrowing in July tended to be lower than in any month in the first quarter of the financial year because of income tax receipts from the self-employed and payment of advance corporation tax.

Government coffers also enjoyed the £1.8 billion proceeds from the first call on the third tranche of BT shares during July. The PSBR figures, along with hopes of good inflation figures today, boosted government stocks, which in turn helped share prices to a record close. The FT-SE 100 ended at 3025, up 16.7.

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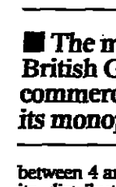
Triumph of theory over the consumer



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Competition is cast by nature as a white-hatted ideal, the friend of consumers and all whose living depends on industry's growth, productivity and efficiency. That ideal is being spattered with ever more mud as purists, intolerant as old Kremlin ideologues and America's politically correct, put theoretical means before practical ends.

Remember the monopolies commission ban on ICI selling ailing fertiliser plants to an overseas competitor. The result, as predicted, was that they closed, losing jobs and output and boosting imports. Remember the government's determination to inject competition willy nilly into electricity to bring prices down. Result: much higher prices, big job losses and closure of most of the domestic coal industry. Remember the MMC's reforms of brewery pub ties. Result: higher beer prices and dramatic concentration in brewing.

Here we are again. The MMC's plan to dismember British Gas is based almost entirely on theoretical assumptions. The commission did not rule that an integrated gas supply industry operates against the public interest by charging household customers too much, nor because service is poor, since consumer representatives kept telling it this was not the case. Graeme Odgers, who became commission chairman during the enquiries, pinpoints the fundamental cause of displeasure as the "inherent conflict of interest" between British Gas operating in a competitive gas market and owning the pipelines its competitors also need to use.

Tellingly, the commission concludes that only dismemberment could allay "the perception" of competitors that they might not get a fair deal. Unless there are more concrete gains to consumers, this does not seem a terribly compelling reason to set aside the property rights of the two million of us who own shares in British Gas. Mr Odgers claimed shareholders' interests had been part of the equation but admitted the effect on British Gas profits was not considered. As a regulated monopoly, British Gas built an industry that is the envy of other European countries, winning a huge share of the consumer energy market through buying power, relatively low costs and value for money. In theory, competition will make things even better. In practice, prices to most households will rise. Price limits will be eased to compensate British Gas for competition in the more lucrative end of its monopoly single tariff business, allowed last year. Further shrinkage of the tariff market will doubtless bring further price increases. These are transfers. Big customers gain from competition while poorer customers pay more — an odd priority for regulation but not an economic loss. That comes later.

First, consumers will have to pay for the costs of separating the integrated business, liberally estimated at £80 million. Judging from experience elsewhere, separation will also, over time, require much more stock and raise storage costs. Should the tariff monopoly be abolished, as the commission would love, were it safe, service costs would rise even more. But the biggest loss to consumers has scarcely been considered. Competition will raise the average landed cost of gas and consumers will have to pay.

Against this, there could be gains from imposing uneconomic rates of return on the retained British Gas distribution system. Even this is problematical. Until now, Britain has eschewed rate of return regulation because it tends to raise costs. It is not hard to see how British Gas, shorn of incentive to cut costs to consumers, could exploit the possibilities.

Indeed, in this wonderful world of theory, more competition will require much more regulation: of gas transportation, of the orphaned British Gas trading business and, so as to be fair, also of all the new competitors. No wonder British Gas thinks it would be in shareholders' interests to get rid of its trading business, much as Michael Heseltine will be loath to risk the necessary legislation.

Shareholders can only hope it is sold to foreign monopolies and they are not lumbered with it. Meanwhile, those who succumbed to more recent blandishments to invest in a fine integrated British business might ponder that the commission's fine arguments apply equally to BT.

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THE MMC ENQUIRY INTO BRITISH GAS

End of monopoly the long-term goal

The commission scrutinised the gas industry in the light of the Fair Trading Act. Its main recommendations follow

On JULY 31, 1992, the secretary of state for trade and industry asked the commission to investigate two subjects. The first was the supply within Britain of gas through pipes to tariff and non-tariff customers. The second was the transportation or storage of gas by public gas suppliers. On the same day we were sent a reference by the director-general of gas supply under the Gas Act 1986 into the conveyance and storage of gas; and shortly afterwards a further reference by the director into the fixing of tariffs for the supply of gas.

Gas accounts for nearly one-half of final energy used, excluding transport, in the UK, a significant increase since the mid-1960s, when it accounted for less than 10 per cent. In 1992, British Gas supplied over 80 per cent of all gas supplied in Britain to non-tariff customers (until August 1992, users of over 25,000 therms a year). It is the only public gas supplier with special rights and obligations, including a statutory monopoly in supply to tariff customers using below 2,500 therms a year. It controls almost all facilities for transportation and storage of gas in Britain.

When British Gas was privatised, it retained the integrated structure under which it had operated as a nationalised industry. It was regulated under the terms of the Gas Act, while remaining subject to the provisions of competition legislation.

In supply to the non-tariff market (the larger industrial and commercial customers) competition with British Gas has recently increased. This follows the introduction of measures recommended in a 1988 MMC report and recent undertakings given by British Gas to the director-general of fair trading. These included an agreement to limit British Gas's share of this market to 40 per cent by 1995, to release gas to other shippers to enable them to supply the remaining share of this market, and to establish a separate gas transportation and storage unit. This unit would be subject to regulation and have a transparent pricing system to apply equally and even-handedly to British Gas and to other shippers. It would also provide transportation of gas and storage and other facilities on the basis of non-discrimination betwen British Gas and other shippers.

Competition in the non-tariff market ... has been to the benefit of commercial and industrial users, increasing choice, reducing prices and stimulating British Gas to lower its costs, but is not evenly distributed. We are not aware of any sale by competitors of interruptible gas (which the supplier is entitled to stop supplying at times of peak demand). Competition is also weak for large-volume customers. ... Competitors are almost completely dependent on British Gas's transportation and storage facilities, and vulnerable to the prices British Gas charges and its other terms and conditions for use of the network.

> **'British Gas's dual role leads to an inherent conflict of interests'**

British Gas is both a seller of gas, and owner of the transportation system which its competitors have no alternative but to use. In our view, this dual role gives rise to an inherent conflict of interest which makes it impossible to provide the conditions for self-sustaining competition.

The lack of effective neutrality of the transportation and storage system, as well as the perception by users of this absence ... may be expected to reduce the effectiveness of competition in supply of gas to the non-tariff market, inhibiting choice, restricting innovation and leading to higher levels of gas prices than would otherwise be the case. Similar considerations apply to the supply of gas to users of between 2,500 and 25,000 therms a year, where competition has been permitted only since August 1992.

British Gas has a monopoly of supply to users of less than 2,500 therms a year, who are mainly domestic users. The government has announced that it is likely to abolish this monopoly. We have noted that most tariff customers now have a perception that British Gas's quality of service is high following recent improvements. Nevertheless, we believe that eventual removal of the monopoly would be beneficial to users and that an interim reduction in the threshold should be made to 1,500 therms in 1997.

In our view, no decision should be taken as to the timing of the complete removal of the tariff monopoly except after a most careful assessment of the consequences. The date for its removal should depend on the progress of legislative change, so as to impose obligations for safety and security of supply and social obligations on all competitors to the domestic market and on experience of the balancing of supply and demand by competing shippers in other sectors of the market. ... The removal of the monopoly should in our view follow measures to ensure the neutrality of the transportation and storage system, which we regard as the principal condition for effective competition.

We have concluded ... that British Gas's conduct as an integrated business, and its failure to provide for neutrality as between its trading and transportation interests, may be expected to reduce the effectiveness of competition and to operate against the public interest by inhibiting choice, restricting innovation, and leading to higher gas prices than would otherwise be the case. In our view, British Gas's proposals to establish separate trading and transportation units still under its ownership would not be sufficient fully to remedy these adverse effects. ... If such a limited remedy were introduced, we see a wide spectrum of decisions relating to transportation and storage that would still be influenced by the interest of British Gas's trading activities.

We recommend that the adverse effects identified should be remedied by divestment of British Gas's trading activities no later than March 31, 1997.

Such a measure would not, in our view, put at risk security of supply or safety. It would involve considerably less cost and organisational change than many other remedies put to us. Although some increase in costs in the short term may result, the development of self-sustaining competition would bring significant benefits to users. We regard separation of the businesses as essential to ensure that transportation and storage can be made available to all shippers, including the trading activity currently carried out by British Gas, without undue discrimination. Such a measure would remove the existing conflicts of interest, provide the incentives necessary to ensure the neutrality of transportation and storage, and bring about the transparency necessary for the regulation of the system. Divestment would require ... changes to the Gas Act.

Watchdog: the MMC wants more power for Sir James McKinnon, head of Ofgas

British Gas argued that the current tariff formula should be relaxed, to allow higher prices to tariff users, following the recent series of regulatory changes which, it claimed, would result in inadequate profits. It also argued, on a related issue, that the rate of return currently used in setting third party transportation charges was inadequate. In British Gas's view, a current cost rate of return of 10.8 per cent on new investment, and 6.7 per cent on existing assets, was necessary if it were to maintain its proposed investment in the system.

In considering these issues, we have taken a number of factors into account: the interests of consumers, the need to ensure that British Gas's UK supply activities can attract capital to finance new investment, whether the cash flows are adequate to sustain the business, and the requirement that any system of regulation should continue to provide the incentive to improve performance. In our view, a real rate of return of between 6.5 and 7.5 per cent on new investment would be reasonable under current conditions to attract capital to the industry. After allowing for the difference between the amounts realised from the sale of British Gas in 1986 and the value of its current cost assets at the time, and for subsequent differentials between the ratio of the stock market valuation and its current cost assets, this would be equivalent to a return on current cost assets at the end of 1991 of between 4 and 4.5 per cent. We accept that following the reduction in the monopoly threshold from 25,000 to 2,500 therms, the current tariff formula is likely to produce inadequate profits and adversely affect the supply of capital to the industry, particularly for the financing of new investment. Taking into account the factors listed above, we have proposed a modification to the tariff formula from April 1, 1994, from the present RPI minus five to RPI minus four, and that the formula be confined to supply to users of 2,500 therms and below. The additional income generated ... would be similar to the loss of profit to British Gas from reducing the tariff threshold.

A range of technical issues relating to gas supply was raised with us, including the structure of transportation charges and the operation of the network, which can in our view be better pursued by the director-general of gas supply.

We also received a number of criticisms of the current regulatory system. In our view, the system itself is fundamentally sound. We suggest extending the powers of the director to provide him with full concurrent jurisdiction with the director-general of fair trading, including the power to make references to the MMC under the Fair Trading Act relating to the supply of gas to the non-tariff market.

We have noted and accept the emphasis placed by many witnesses and British Gas itself on the need for stability and certainty. We believe that a time-scale for the adoption of our recommendations should be established and adhered to. This would involve:

- ☐ The establishment of transportation and storage as a separate unit of British Gas no later than March 31, 1994.
- ☐ The revision of the tariff formula from April 1, 1994.
- ☐ Necessary changes to the Gas Act, the divestment of British Gas Trading and an interim reduction in the monopoly threshold to 1,500 therms by March 31, 1997.

We would expect full removal of the monopoly some three to five years after the divestment of British Gas's trading activities.

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Decline in London office glut

BY CARL MORTISHED

THE London property market is receiving a boost from the construction slowdown. Few new offices are being built and available floor space had fallen to 28.8 million sq ft by the end of June, 16 per cent lower than the peak of 34.3 million a year ago, according to DTZ Debenham Thorpe, a firm of surveyors.

Declining vacancy rates are preventing further falls in rents. "It is unlikely that rental values of well-located properties will fall further," said Jeremy Trice, director.

According DTZ's *Central London Office Report*, new or refurbished space in the capital has fallen by a third. The City is showing early signs of a shortage of large, modern offices.

In the heart of the City, only seven buildings with 100,000 sq ft or more of space are available, compared with 18 in June last year. Vacant space has thus dropped from 3 million sq ft to 1.1 million.

In Docklands, though, empty offices have declined by only 6 per cent, though there has been no new development.

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BY SARA MCCONNELL
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OPPONENTS of the proposed merger of the Leeds Permanent and National & Provincial building societies have asked the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) to refer it to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Jim French, chairman of the 300-strong Building Societies' Members Association, has told the OFT that the merger will not benefit customers or staff of the two societies. He said: "We don't want 1,600 jobs to go. We don't see how the merger will benefit members and we don't think big is beautiful."

The two societies, both in the top ten, plan to create the UK's third-largest society, with combined assets of £31 billion. The merger of two societies based in West Yorkshire would threaten up to 1,600 jobs and reduce branches from more than 750 to between 600 and 700.

The OFT said that it would be examining the merger to see whether it met criteria for referral to the commission.

De Larosière's rival quits EBRD running

BY GEORGE SIVELL, ASSISTANT BUSINESS EDITOR

JACQUES de Larosière, governor of the Bank of France, looked assured of becoming the next president of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development after the withdrawal of his last remaining rival, Leszek Balcerowicz, the former Polish finance minister.

The appointment of M de Larosière, 63, the former head of the International Monetary Fund, is expected to be confirmed tomorrow. He faces the task of revitalising the European Bank after the abrupt departure of Jacques Attali, the founding president, over higher expenditure on the bank than on aid to Eastern Europe.

Mr Balcerowicz's withdrawal follows an announcement that Giuliano Amato, the former Italian prime minister, had also stepped down, so removing the risk of splitting the vote between two European Community candidates. The EC has a majority say in the running of the bank.

The presidency of the bank carries a salary of £147,000 a year, tax free.

It is expected that Jean-Claude Trichet, 50, of the treasury division of the French finance ministry, will take over as governor of the Bank of France from M de Larosière. It is believed that M Trichet has pleased Edouard Balladur, the prime minister, with his efforts to support the franc during the recent speculative attack on the European exchange-rate mechanism.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Government warned over water charges

THE government faces a fiasco if it presses ahead with plans to scrap water rates, according to the Institute for Fiscal Studies, an economic think-tank. Ministers have given water companies until the end of the century to find an alternative to water rates. But Najma Rajah, a research officer at the institute, and Stephen Smith, deputy director, said: "Replacing the existing system ... with any of the alternatives will lead to significant numbers of households experiencing gains or losses ... even if the average level of water charges remains unchanged."

The institute examined various options for charging households for water and sewerage services, including: a lump sum charge per household; water metering; charges related to the number of people in a household; a system based on the type of house; and basing charges on the council tax band of each property.

HK group prospers

WHARF Holdings, the Hong Kong property group, announced a 44 per cent increase in net profits to HK$1.38 billion (£121 million) for the six months to end-June, in line with market expectations. The company, one of the largest developers in the colony, owns the Omni hotel chain and is setting up Hong Kong's first cable-TV station. The company has plans to develop ports and inland cities in China. Directors decided to pay an interim dividend of 19 cents per share, up 15 per cent from the previous period.

Epwin up at halfway

RETURNING confidence in the home improvement market has helped half-time profits at Epwin, the PVC windows and doors maker. Jim Rawson, chairman, unveiled pre-tax figures up a third to £1.75 million (£1.3 million) in the six months to end-June. Sales jumped 20 per cent to £24.7 million. He said Epwin had seen substantial volume increases in all its UK markets except the commercial sector. Home-owners were showing more willingness to invest in property improvement. The interim is up 10 per cent to 2.3p.

Advisers to William Hill

BRENT Walker Group, the debt-plagued leisure and property company, has reinforced forecasts that it might float the William Hill betting shop chain on the stock market by appointing NM Rothschild & Sons and Hill Samuel Bank as advisers to Hill. Brent Walker and Hill had previously said that they were looking at alternative proposals to refinance William Hill's £350 million debt. Brent Walker has put a price tag of up to £500 million on the 1,700-strong William Hill chain for which it paid £685 million four years ago.

Bucknall cuts losses

FULL-YEAR pre-tax losses have been sharply reduced at Bucknall Group, the Birmingham construction consultancy, although the dividend has been passed again. The group saw losses come back by 31 per cent to £1.33 million in the 12 months to end-April, with the UK operations moving back into profit in the second half to the tune of £320,000. Bucknall last month won the £25 million contract to manage the restoration of Windsor Castle. Losses per share fell to 10.5p, compared with 13p last time.

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Rights issue will finance £110m deal

Sedgwick buys Noble Lowndes

By Sarah Bagnall
Insurance Correspondent

Sedgwick is playing down some market fears that expansion has come at too high a price, but the vendor, the TSB, believes the sale offers value to its shareholders

SEDGWICK Group, the UK insurance broking and consulting group, is creating the fourth largest worldwide employee benefits consultancy with the £110 million acquisition of Noble Lowndes from the TSB.

The deal, along with the proposed £17.8 million purchase of Arvid Bergvall, a Scandinavian marine insurance broker, is being financed by a £143.7 million rights issue. Shareholders are being offered new shares on a one-for-five basis at 165p a share, a 20 per cent discount to yesterday's opening price of 206p. The shares fell 15p to 191p.

Sax Riley, chief executive of Sedgwick, said: "It has been our stated strategy to develop our business in two clearly defined areas, worldwide insurance and reinsurance operations, and our consulting services. The acquisition of Noble Lowndes is a significant step forward in expanding our consulting services."

Noble Lowndes, which provides administration and consultancy services in pensions, employee benefits and other personal financial services, made pre-tax profits of more than £10 million in each of the last three years. In 1992, 60 per cent of its revenue came from the UK. Noble Lowndes employs 2,750 staff in 44 locations around the world, compared with Sedgwick's 1,489 consultancy staff.

Analysts disagree over whether Sedgwick has overpaid for the consultancy, as estimates of the exit price-earnings ratio varied between 19 times and 14 times. However, Stuart Tarrant, finance director, justified the price. "It is a bargain. There is a scarcity value in that there is no other benefits consultancy to buy in Europe that isn't a partnership. It also has an extremely strong brand name."

He added that he expected the enlarged consultancy, Sedgwick Noble Lowndes, to recover US tax and make savings by rationalising the business. This would include some job losses.

Rob White-Cooper, a vice chairman of Sedgwick, will become executive chairman of Sedgwick Noble Lowndes.

Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of TSB, said the deal enabled the bank to "derive value for shareholders" by channelling the proceeds into the core activities of banking and insurance.

News of the deal was revealed as Sedgwick unveiled marginally better than expected results for the first six months of 1993. Pre-tax profits rose from £51.7 million to £54.1 million, helped by an £11.1 million exchange rate gain. A £14.4 million increase in brokerage and fees was offset by a £15.5 million rise in expenses, which, combined with a £7 million fall in net interest, fed through to an £8.7 million drop in pre-tax profits at constant exchange rates. The dividend, as expected, was held at 3p.

Consultancy made a £5.4 million pre-tax profit, while insurance and reinsurance broking contributed £55.7 million. In 1992, consultancy made an £8.1 million pre-tax profit compared with Noble Lowndes' £11.5 million pre-tax profit, after exceptional items, for the year to end October 1992.

A geographical breakdown of Sedgwick's interim figures revealed the UK's contribution to pre-tax profits, at constant exchange rates, was 28 per cent down from last year's £32.9 million. The US contribution jumped 20 per cent to £15.5 million.

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White-Cooper: new job

Poised for economic upturn: Lord Hanson

Hanson slips in third quarter

By Colin Campbell

LORD Hanson, confined to oblique comments about current trading because Hanson's £2.1 billion takeover of Quantum Chemical Corporation, in America, is not yet complete, said the group would take advantage of gradual economic improvements in the US and Britain.

The past few months had seen significant Hanson activity, including acquisition of Costain's Australian coal interests and Santa Fe Pacific's coal and quarry assets.

He reported third-quarter pre-tax profits of £266 million, before exceptional items, for the period to June 30, compared with £276 million previously.

There was an exceptional £10 million charge, compared with an exceptional credit of £129 million in 1992. That included Hanson's profit on the sale of a 2.8 per cent stake in ICI and on the £132 million sale of EverReady. Third-quarter profits have been struck after a £29 million charge associated with the coal miners' strike in America.

The quarterly results bring Hanson's pre-tax profits for the nine months to June 30 to £733 million (before exceptionals), compared with £764 million.

Third-quarter sales were £2.31 billion, up from £1.89 billion. Nine-month sales totalled £7.09 billion (£6.11 billion). The quarterly dividend is 2.85p, payable on October 1, compared with 2.75p paid on the third quarter of 1992.

Lord White, chairman of Hanson's US division, said the United Mine Workers of America trade union had agreed to resume negotiations with mining companies. Lord Hanson indicated recently that if negotiations were not immediately resumed, a charge similar to that made against third-quarter results was likely in the fourth.

Hanson shares eased 3p to 252½p.

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De Beers boosts first-half earnings

By Our Mining Correspondent

DE BEERS, the international diamond group which yesterday published its first interim balance sheet, lifted equity accounted profits by 6.4 per cent, to $482 million, in the half year to June 30. It also revealed a reduction in borrowings.

Julian Ogilvie Thompson, chairman, said the balance sheet improvements would not be sustained in the second half because second half diamond sales by the Central Selling Organisation were unlikely to match the first half's $2.543 billion. Diamond stocks were reduced by $527 million, to $3.238 billion. Bank deposits less overdrafts totalled $423 million on June 30, compared with $94 million on December 31.

Sir Chippendale (Chips) Keswick, chairman of Hambros Bank and a director of the Bank of England, was yesterday appointed to the board of De Beers Consolidated and in May next year will be proposed as a director of De Beers Centenary.

Mr Ogilvie Thompson, speaking from Johannesburg, said the all-important four months before Christmas would help to determine the year's outcome. Worldwide retail diamond sales appeared to be "running ahead of flat". The earlier decline in Japanese demand was bottoming out and retail demand in America was improving.

De Beers is maintaining its interim dividend at 25.2 cents, declared out of equity accounted net earnings of 127 cents (119 cents) a share. Results of the combined De Beers group were affected by the sharply lower rand/dollar exchange rate. Combined pre-tax profits were lower at $444 million ($473 million).

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Beer companies brew tax hangover for cider makers

By Martin Waller
Deputy City Editor

OPEN warfare has broken out across the saloon bar as Britain's battered brewers insist that the burgeoning cider industry bears a higher proportion of the nation's tax bill.

The drinks industry has been firing broadsides at the Chancellor while indulging in less public arm-twisting of the Customs and Excise men in a bid to limit the damage in the autumn Budget. The cider makers seek a continuation of the *status quo*.

The Brewers' Society has now waded in with a heart-rending document, *An Industry At Risk*, which talks of the possible loss of 10,000 public houses during the stay-at-home 1990s if the current harsh tax regime continues.

But hidden within the 31-page document, which can perhaps expect rather closer study by Kenneth Clarke, a confirmed beer drinker, than by some of his predecessors, is a harsh side-swipe at the cider producers. Cider is easily the fastest-growing sector of the drinks trade. The big names in the industry, keen to shake off their rustic image, have been boasting of strong inroads into the premium, or young people, sector.

Thus the cider makers have seen a 12 per cent rise in production in the latest year on record, to 85 million gallons, almost three times' the figure 25 years ago. The packaged sector has grown by 16 per cent, while the premium end is enjoying growth of more than 30 per cent a year.

Pearch: VAT crunch

The Brewers' Society says that at the stronger end of the market cider bears only a quarter of the duty on the equivalent quantity of beer. "This is not a level playing field," it thunders.

The cider makers, who have launched more than a dozen different types of cider into an increasingly crowded market in recent years, have put up a consistent defence. The respective finance directors at HP Bulmer and Taunton Cider say their product is considerably more expensive to produce than beer and, because of its higher price, which attracts more VAT, more than pays its way with the Exchequer.

While Michael Ward, at Bulmer, stressed the high cost implications of a process that needs freshly-pressed apples, Nick Pearch at Taunton, said: "Retail prices of cider are already more expensive than beer by an average of 20 per cent. Any further imposition of duty to widen that gap would be very damaging to our industry and be of little benefit to the brewers."

Both point out that VAT rises have meant that the proportion of tax levied on a pint of cider, by comparison with one of beer, has grown from about half five years ago to 80 or 90 per cent.

Further tax increases seem inevitable for all drinkers this autumn. The cider makers can point to recent history as proof of the damage done by a disproportionate rise, however. A decade ago, duty went up by almost half, and five years of decline followed. That was only reversed by the marketing campaigns that have sparked cider's renaissance — and attracted the envy of the big brewers.

STOCK MARKET

Drugs sector helps share index to another record high

THE pharmaceutical sector returned to favour with investors yesterday and helped drag the rest of the equity market to yet another new high.

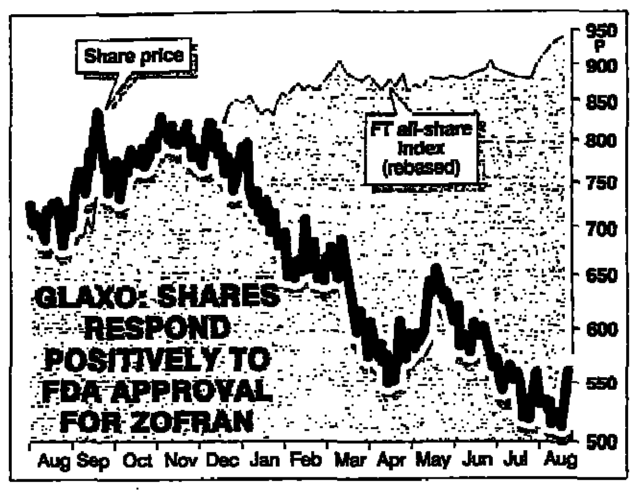
Double figure gains were recorded among leading drug companies as investors on both sides of the Atlantic scrambled for shares. The move was sparked by whispers on Wall Street that President Clinton's review of US healthcare spending and the profits levels of the drug companies could take up to five years to complete. An announcement from the White House is expected some time next month.

In a market place already short of stock **Glaxo** led the way higher with a leap of 36½p to 558p. It enjoyed a double celebration after receiving approval from the US Food and Drug Administration for Zofran, its anti-nausea treatment for patients undergoing chemotherapy. In New York Glaxo's American Depository Receipts opened almost $1 higher. There were also strong gains for **SmithKline Beecham 'A'**, 16p to 448p, **Wellcome**, 34p to 678p, while **Zeneca** firmed 3p to 663p, **Fisons** 4p to 176p and **Medeva** 2½p to 108½p.

Meanwhile, the rest of the equity market was trailing along in their wake as the FT-SE 100 index put in a late burst to finish at a record high. Having traded in narrow limits for much of the day, it was less than two points higher at 3pm. However, it ended the session 16.7 up at 3,025.0 with 636 million shares traded.

Dealers said the late move was also prompted by a big buyer of the future, amid claims that today's July inflation figure will show a sharp drop. Brokers were again *busily increasing their year-end targets for the index* because of the market's recent strength. Nomura is now looking for a figure of 3,500, with Strauss Turnbull forecasting 3,250.

British Gas greeted publication of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission inquiry into the gas industry with a rise of 4p to 327p, after briefly touching 339p. Brokers expressed relief that the report was not as radical as earlier feared. The proposals being recommended to the Government include the disposal of the group's trading activities by March 1997, adjusting the tariff formula from *RPI* minus 5 per cent to minus 4 per cent and cutting the threshold for the monopoly supply of gas.



British Gas met brokers later in the day and made a favourable impression, forecasting interim profits after tax, due next month, of £634 million. The MMC findings also cheered other utilities. Among the water companies **Anglian** rose 5p to 523p, **North West** 7½p to 528½p, **Severn Trent** 6p to 532p, **Southern** 4p to 562p, **South West** 9p to 558p, **Thames** 8p to 533p, **Welsh** 7p to 623p, and **Wessex** 10p to 633p. The electricity distributors also made headway with **East Midland** up 5p at 523p, **Manweb** 4p at 578p, **Midlands** 5p at 552p, **Norweb** 7p to 564p, and **South West** 5p to 542p.

Hanson fell 3p to 252½p as brokers expressed disappointment with third quarter figures.

Sedgwick, *the insurance* broker, fell 15p to 191p after announcing plans to raise £143.7 million via a one-for-five rights issue at 165p a share. The group wants the money to buy Noble Lowndes, the investment adviser, from TSB group for £110 million and Arvid *Bergyall, the Scandinavian* marine broker, for £17.8 million. Sedgwick has also lifted half-year pre-tax profits from £51.7 million to £54.1 million. TSB was 2p firmer at 207p.

Better than expected half-year figures lifted **Evans Halshaw**, the motor distributor, 27p to 376p. Pre-tax profits climbed from £1.5 million to £3.7 million.

Tiphook, the container and trailer rental group, eased 2p to 242p on confirmation of the board changes, which include the resignation of finance *director* Roger Braidwood and the appointment of Rupert Hambro as non-executive deputy chairman.

Scottish Heritable Trust held steady at 5p. Roger Shute is taking on the role of chief executive temporarily until a successor can be found. Roger Shute built up BM Group, *unchanged at 15p, but had to* step down earlier this year owing to ill-health.

Vodafone firmed 1p to 532p after talking to brokers, while Cellnet rivals **Securicor 'A'** leapt 34p to 736p and **Security Services** 33p to 635p following a *recommendation* by Nomura Securities.

☐ **GILT EDGED** recovered from a hesitant start, cheered by better than expected PSBR figures and hopes that today's inflation figures will make good reading.

The September series of the long gilt was chased to a new high, closing with a rise of £⅝ at £113²¹/₃₂ as 37,000 contracts were completed.

In the cash market the longer end was favoured, with **Treasury 9 per cent 2012** jumping 18 ticks to £117³/₈, while in shorts **Treasury 9½ per cent 1999** rose £¹/₁₆ to £113³/₈.

MICHAEL CLARK

Fife fights back to the black

Fife Indmar, the Edinburgh-based engineering mini-conglomerate, returned to the black, reporting pre-tax profit of £424,000 for the six months to June 30, 1993 against a £236,000 loss. The swing was achieved despite a fall in turnover to £15.1 million (£16.9 million).

Gavin Hepburn, chairman, said prospects remained encouraging. The interim is increased from 0.5p to 0.75p.

Brothers to sell

Barrie and Robert Hoar, the *brothers who run Hoskins* Brewery, have decided to sell most of their near-30 per cent shareholding because of "attacks from dissident shareholders". The company is in talks with a third party which may lead to new directors. Pre-tax profits rose to £96,226 (£83,060) in the year to end-March. Earnings per share improved to 1.77p (1.38p). There is no dividend for the year (nil).

Heath ahead

Currency gains and a previous over-provision for bad debts meant Samuel Heath & Sons, the building products and giftware pottery group, increased full-year pre-tax profits to £361,000 against £308,000 last time. Total dividend is a maintained at 5.5p via a 4p final.

Trust post

The Scottish Heritable Trust, the mini-conglomerate, is appointing Roger Shute, former chairman of the BM group, a director from next month. He will assume the duties of chief executive until the appointment of a successor to Stuart Macdonald, who will be leaving to take up a post elsewhere. Mr Macdonald will remain on the board as a non-executive director. Mr Shute owns 9.62 per cent of the company.

Ford contract

Lucas Sumitomo, a joint Anglo-Japanese venture, has been awarded a contract from *Ford Motor Company worth* more than $30 million a year to supply the front disc brakes for the 1994 model year Ford Taurus and Mercury Sable.

Stonehill rises

Stonehill Holdings, the property company, announced that pre-tax profits had risen to £264,000 (£49,000). There is no dividend (nil).

Soaring profits for dealers underline car trade revival

BY MARTIN FLANAGAN

Motoring again: Geoff Dale, chief executive of Evans Halshaw, whose half-year profits rose 146 per cent

SHARES in Evans Halshaw, the car dealer, bounded ahead by 25p to 374p yesterday as it gave the firmest evidence to date that the UK car industry is shrugging off recession.

In the six months to end-June, Evans, whose franchises range from Rover, Vauxhall and Peugeot to Honda and Nissan, pushed up taxable profits by 146 per cent to £3.7 million (£1.5 million).

The upbeat motors picture was bolstered by Quicks Group, the Manchester-based Ford dealer, which announced interim pre-tax profits for the same period up by 24 per cent to £1.4 million (£1.1 million).

Evans sold 16,000 cars in the period, and says that sales in the key new registration month of August are 15 per cent up on last year. "We will sell 4,000 new cars this month," Geoff Dale, chief executive of Evans, said.

Mr Dale said that he was "relatively convinced" that UK motor distributors were emerging from slump after earlier false dawns "even though the manufacturers still face problems in the depressed European market".

Evans's overall retail and fleet sales of new cars have risen by 20 per cent, against national market growth of 8 per cent. Retail sales of used cars also rose by 20 per cent. The commercial vehicle market remains weak.

Evans's interim dividend is 5.6 per cent up, at 3.8p (3.6p), after earnings per share up 146 per cent, at 11.3p (4.6p).

Evans said: "These positive results, achieved in poor market conditions, start to reflect the earnings capability of the group's existing businesses."

Quicks, which in June took *over Laidlaw, the Scottish* Ford dealer, said that projections for the August new vehicle market were encouraging. Alec Murray, chief executive, said that the group had already sold more than 2,500 new cars this month, 10 per cent up on last August.

Quicks Group's *interim dividend rises 14 per cent, to* 2p, after earnings per share of 5.2p, up from 4.4p. Michael Moore, chairman, said that although margins had been further squeezed in the half year, new models from franchise manufacturers had been well received. Laidlaw was expected to add significantly to *the group's profits, from 1994.*

☐ Taylor Woodrow has completed the sale of its Ford car dealership, A&S Andrews, as part of the building group's strategy of concentrating on its core business. The Ealing-based dealership has been bought by Vulmore (UK), which will operate it under a *new franchise with Ford.*

French acquisition fuels Kalon advance

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

THE interim profit of Kalon, the paint maker, has risen strongly, driven by the contribution from Novodec, the French paint company acquired earlier this year.

Pre-tax profit for the half year to July 3, rose by 42 per cent to £8.7 million, against £6.2 million last time, significantly more than analysts expected. Turnover also forged ahead, rising 45 per cent to £75.8 million, against £52.4 million in the previous period.

Novodec, the largest own-label paint supplier in France, contributed £2.5 million operating profit in five months' trading. Mike Hennessy, Kalon's managing director, says that Novodec's margins have already benefited from Kalon's greater buying power. Novodec is to be expanded by moving into the trade market, as well as still serving the retail market, and broadening the product range.

Further bolt-on acquisitions are still on Kalon's agenda, but Mr Hennessy ruled out hostile bids after the failed attempt to acquire the rival Manders last year.

Novodec enjoyed strong trading, but the rest of Kalon faced difficult market conditions. The decorative division, which accounts for 66 per cent of turnover, increased sales and profit in spite of a price war.

The interim dividend rises from 1p to 1.3p. The shares went 7p higher, to 167p.

Finance chief quits Tiphook

TIPHOOK, the troubled container group, has confirmed board changes. Rodger Braidwood, its finance director, is leaving, and Rupert Hambro, the merchant banker, is to become non-executive deputy chairman (Martin Flanagan writes). Mr Braidwood has resigned after six years in the job and will be replaced by Andrew Chandler, previously group financial controller.

Tiphook recently asked for a Stock Exchange investigation into a slump in its share price that wiped £44 million off its stock market value in a day. The shares dive occurred a week before the group unveiled full-year losses of £21.8 million. Yesterday, the price fell 1p to 243p, against a year high of 382p.

Glaxo shares jump on Zofran approval

BY SARAH BAGNALL

SHARES in Glaxo, the drugs group, were given a healthy tonic yesterday by the US Food and Drugs Administration's approval for Zofran to be marketed as a post-operative anti-nausea drug. The shares soared 36½p to 558p.

Some of the rise, in late trading, was fuelled by suggestions that President Clinton's proposed review of healthcare could take up to five years. That would delay plans to limit the amount drugs companies can charge for their products and therefore grant healthier profits a stay of execution.

Zofran, one of the top selling 50 pharmaceutical products worldwide, has been available in America since February 1991 for the prevention of nausea and vomiting induced by emetogenic cancer chemotherapy. The FDA's approval gives Zofran, one of Glaxo's emerging main money spinners, access to the much larger post-operative nausea market.

In the last six months of 1992, sales of Zofran in the American chemotherapy market surged 42 per cent, against a 36 per cent rise in total worldwide sales, to £163 million. However, analysts expect sales in the chemotherapy market to flatten as Glaxo appears to have successfully penetrated the limited market.

Earlier this year, Glaxo settled a long-running patent dispute over Zofran with rival SmithKline Beecham.

WORLD MARKETS

Tonic for US shares

New York — Shares held their modest gains at midday, with drug and healthcare issues moving higher after President Clinton outlined his plans for America's health system.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 1.96 points at 3,581.11. US Treasuries were mixed, with the long bond up ⁵/₃₂ to yield 6.29 per cent.

☐ **Tokyo** — Shares ended moderately lower after some profit-taking, with the Nikkei average down 59.51 points to 20,841.98. Trading volume was about 320 million shares.

☐ **Hong Kong** — The Hang Seng index finished 39.30 points better, closing at a new peak of 7,528.79 — its second record close in a row after resisting profit-taking.

☐ **Frankfurt** — The Dax index closed down 2.02 points at 1,910.17.

☐ **Sydney** — The all-ordinaries index closed up 14.4 points at 1,885.1

☐ **Singapore** — The Straits Times index edged ahead 5.45 to end at 1,928.34. *(Reuter)*

WALL STREET

	Aug 17 midday	Aug 16 close
AMP Inc	64¼	64⅝
AMR Corp	66	65¾
Abbott Labs	25	24⅞
Aetna Life	59⅜	59⅝
Ahmanson (HF)	19⅜	19⅜
Air Prod & Chem	42⅝	42⅞
Albertson's	55⅜	54⅝
Alcan Alumnm	20⅝	21¼
Alco Standard	46⅜	46⅞
Allied Signal	73⅜	72⅞
Alum Co of Am	73⅝	73⅜
Amax	25⅜	25⅞
Amerada Hess	50⅜	51¼
Amer Brands	30⅜	29⅞
Amer Cyanamid	48	47⅞
Amer El Power	37⅜	37⅜
Amer Express	33⅜	33⅜
Amer Genl Corp	34	33⅞
Amer Home Pr	59⅜	59⅞
Amer Intl	98⅜	97⅝
Amer Stores	46⅜	45⅞
Amer T & T	61⅞	60⅞
Ameritech	81⅜	81⅞
Amoco	56⅜	56⅝
Anheuser-Busch	45⅜	45
Apple Computer	28	27⅞
Archer Daniels	22⅝	23⅛
Arkla	8⅛	8⅛
Armco	6⅞	6⅞
Armstrng Wrld	37⅜	37⅜
Asarco	19⅞	19⅜
Ashland Oil	31⅜	31¼
Atl Richfield	115⅜	116½
Auto Data Pro	51⅜	51⅜
Avery Dennison	28⅞	28⅜
Avon Products	57⅜	57⅞
Baker Hughes	26	26
Baltim Gas & El	28⅜	28⅜
Banc One	52⅞	52⅞
BankAmerica	46	45⅜
Bank of NY	53⅞	53⅜
Bankers Tr NY	78⅜	79⅜
Barnett Banks	46⅜	46⅞
Bausch & Lomb	45	44⅜
Baxter Intl	25⅜	25⅜
Bectn Dicknsn	36⅜	35⅞
Bell Atlantic	57⅞	57⅜
BellSouth	56	58⅜
Black & Decker	20⅜	20⅜
Block (H&R)	37⅞	37⅜
Boeing	38⅜	38
Boise Cascade	20⅞	20⅜
Borden Inc	14⅞	15
Bristol Myrs Sq	53⅞	53
Browning Ferris	23⅜	22⅜
Burlington Nthn	54⅜	54⅜
CBS	242⅞	243
CNA Financial	87⅜	89⅞
CPC Intl	41⅜	41
CSX	75⅜	75⅞
Campbell Soup	37⅜	37⅞
Can Pacific	15⅞	15⅜
Cptl Cities ABC	493	495⅞
Cptl Holdings	42⅜	42⅜
Carolina Pwr	32⅞	32⅜
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Central & SW	32⅜	32⅜
Champion Intl	33⅜	33⅜
Chase Manhat	33⅜	34⅜
Chemical Bk	40⅞	40⅞
Chevron Corp	88	87⅞
Chrysler	44	43⅞
Chubb Corp	91¼	92⅞
Cigna Corp	61⅞	61
Citicorp	32⅞	32⅜
Clorox	49⅞	49⅞
Coastal Corp	30⅞	30⅜
Coca Cola	42⅞	42
Colgate-Palmolive	48⅜	47⅞
Columbia Gas	24⅜	24⅞
Commonw Ed	30⅜	30⅞
Compaq Comp	52⅞	52⅞
Comp Ass Int	30⅞	29⅞
Conagra	23⅞	23⅜
Cons Edison	36⅜	36⅜
Cons Nat Gas	54⅜	55
Cons Rail	55⅞	56⅞
Cooper Inds	50⅞	50⅞
Corning Inc	31⅜	30⅞
Crown Cork	36⅜	36⅞
Dana Corp	54	53⅞
Dayton Hudson	66⅞	68⅜
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Donelley (RR)	30⅜	30⅞
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Dow Chemicals	59⅞	60
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Eastman Kodak	61¼	61⅞
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Emerson Elec	60⅞	60⅜
Engelhard Corp	38⅜	38⅜
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Entergy Corp	38⅜	38⅜
Ethyl Corp	18	18⅜
Exxon	64⅞	64⅜
FMC Corp	47⅜	48
FPL Group	39⅜	39⅜
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Fed Nat Mtge	81¼	80⅞
First Chicago	45	45⅜
First Interstate	61	63⅞
First Union Rlty	10⅜	10⅜
Fleet Finl Grp	32⅜	32⅜
Fluor Corp	42⅜	42⅞
Ford Motor	52⅜	52⅜
GTE Corp	35⅜	36⅜
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Gap Inc Del	30⅞	30⅜
Gen Dynamics	96⅜	97
Gen Electric	97⅜	97⅞
Gen Mills	57⅜	57⅜
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Gen Signal	30⅞	31¼
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Hilton Hotels	44⅞	44⅜
Home Depot	45⅜	46⅞
Homestake Mng	19⅜	19
Honeywell	37⅜	38
Household Intl	74⅞	74½
Houston Inds	44⅜	44⅜
Humana	11⅜	10⅜
ITT Corp	92⅞	92⅞
Illinois Tool	37⅜	37½
INCO	21⅞	22
Ingersoll Rand	35⅞	35⅞
Inland Steel	27⅜	27
Intel Corp	65⅞	64¼
IBM	41⅜	41
Intl Flav & Fr	112⅜	111⅜
Intl Paper	65⅞	65⅜
James River Va	20⅞	20⅜
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	38⅞	37⅞
K Mart	23	23⅞
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LIN Brdcstng	117⅜	115
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Norwest Corp	26⅞	26⅛
Nynex Corp	90⅞	90⅞
Occidental Pet	20⅞	20⅜
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Oryx Energy Co	21⅜	20⅞
Owens Corning	42⅜	42⅜
PNC Financial	29⅜	29⅜
PPG Industries	71¼	71¼
Paccar Inc	62⅞	62
Pacificorp	18⅜	19⅜
Pac Enterprises	26⅞	25⅜
Pac Gas & Elec	35⅜	35⅜
Pac Telesis	51¼	50⅞
Pall Corp	17⅜	17
Panhandle East	26⅞	26⅜
Paramnt Comm	53⅜	53⅜
Parker Hannifin	34⅜	34⅜
Penney (JC)	45⅜	45⅞
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Pepsico	37⅞	37⅜
Pfizer	59⅜	59⅞
Phelps Dodge	46⅞	47⅞
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Philip Morris	47⅜	46½
Phillips Pet	31¼	31¼
Pitney Bowes	42⅜	43
Polaroid	37⅜	37½
Price Co	33	33¼
Primerica	55	55⅜
Procter & Gmbl	46½	46½
Pub Serv E & G	34⅞	34⅜
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Roadway Srvcs	58	58
Rockwell Intl	34⅞	34⅜
Rohm & Haas	53⅜	53¼
Royal Dutch	98⅜	98⅞
Rubbermaid	30⅜	30⅜
Safeco Corp	64⅜	65⅞
St Paul's Cos	90	90
Salomon Inc	48⅜	48
Santa Fe Pac	18	17⅞
Sara Lee Corp	24⅜	24¼
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Schering Plough	60⅜	59⅞
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Scott Paper	34⅜	34⅜
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Sears Roebuck	52½	53
Shell Trans	59⅜	59⅞
Sherwin Wlims	33	33⅞
Skyline Corp	19⅞	18⅞
Snap-On-Tools	42⅜	42⅞
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Unocal Corp	29⅞	29⅜
Upjohn	29⅞	29⅞
VF Corp	44⅞	43½
WMX Tech	30⅜	30⅞
Wal-Mart Stores	25⅞	25⅞
Warner-Lambert	67⅜	66½
Wells Fargo	113⅜	114⅜
Westinghouse El	15⅜	15⅜
Weyerhaeuser	42⅜	42⅞
Whirlpool	64⅞	64⅜
Whitman	14⅞	14⅞
Winn Dixie	64⅜	64⅜
Woolworth	24⅞	24⅜
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	37⅜	38⅞
Xerox	73⅞	73½

Japanese exporters shape up for 100-yen era

Hugh Levinson finds businesses ready to tackle life with a stronger currency

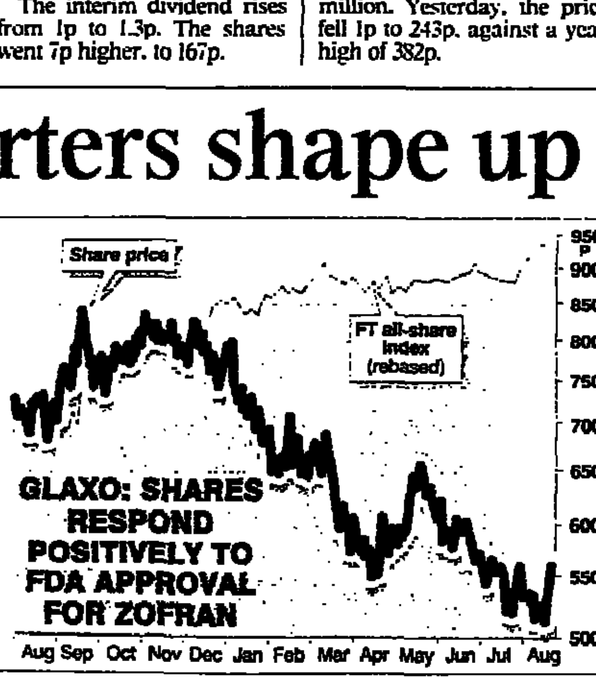
JAPANESE newspapers have labelled Tuesday the start of the "one hundred yen era". Exporters might find some less printable phrases to describe the currency's strength: with the yen worth about a cent they are bracing themselves for sharp falls in earnings, particularly in the once-mighty car and electronics industries.

Margins have already been cut after previous appreciations and there is little room to shave them further. Kenneth Courtis, of Deutschebank, predicts that earnings will fall by up to 40 per cent in the electronics sector and 45 per cent in the motor industry.

In 1986 and 1987, the yen's rise after the G7 Plaza Accord encouraged Japanese manufacturers to trim back and increase efficiency. Now they have little fat to lose.

Dick Beason, of UBS Securities, said: "A lot of the restructuring that will make companies lean, mean and competitive has already happened. An appreciation now could leave some companies in a very precarious position. It could endanger them to the point where there wouldn't be any benefit from restructuring."

He believes, however, that most Japanese companies will overcome this threat, especially given his forecast that the yen will slip back to the 105-110 level relatively quickly. Mr Courtis agrees, saying the current crisis was not unforeseen. "Japanese companies are so damned dynamic and so quick to adjust that should the dollar stay at these levels, they will swallow it. They've been preparing to be competitive at yen 90-yen 95 to the dollar by the mid-1990s. It's just come earlier."



Yen for change: a bank teller pins up the new rate

And while exporters suffer, importers and companies that depend on imported materials will have only limited room to boost profits from falls in costs. Their customers will not let them. Compared to three years ago, consumers are mean. That will force down prices. Mr Beason said: "We're in a recession. It's much more competitive and there are lots of reports in newspapers complaining about not getting the benefit of appreciation. Companies simply don't have any choice."

Some foreign firms have already benefited by cutting prices. Rover began giving "exchange rate discounts" on its cars in February and has been rewarded by a 37 per cent boost in sales during the past half year — albeit from an extremely low starting point. However, a strong yen has its disadvantages for foreign companies, as it pushes up the already high cost of hiring staff and establishing distribution systems.

Despite this gloom, some economists are surprisingly upbeat about the effect of the yen's appreciation. A discount rate cut is widely expected. Mr Courtis believes the yen's rise will shock Morihiro Hosokawa, the prime minister, and his cabinet into a "crash programme" for recovery at their emergency meeting tomorrow, with the emphasis on tax cuts. Mineko Sasaki-Smith, of Morgan Stanley sees this as an opportunity for Japan to escape its "structural gridlock" and become fully integrated into the world economy.

The convergence of domestic recession, the yen's ascent and the fall of the Liberal Democratic Party could force the government to tear down trade barriers, cut red tape and free up distribution systems. In other words, President Clinton would eventually get what he always wanted from his conspicuous lack of support for the yen: a significant cut in Japan's external surpluses.

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Provident	435p (+11p)
Standard Chart	983p (+25p)
Nat West	480p (+10p)
Guinness	485p (+14p)
Bett Bros	115p (+11p)
Wellcome	678p (+34p)
Evans Halshaw	376p (+27p)
Haynes Pub	413p (+30p)
Bourne End	100p (+16p)
MB-Caradon	313p (+10p)
Kwik Save	710p (+22p)
Acatos & Hutch	298p (+12p)
Invesco	173p (+11p)
Sothebys	793p (+23p)
Rothmans 'B'	671p (+13p)
Elys (Wimbldn)	530p (+25p)
BICC	417p (+20p)

FALLS:

Takeda Chem	850p (-18p)
Sedgwick	191p (-15p)
Ranger	340p (-10p)
Antofagasta	888p (-15p)
Reckitt Colman	583p (-8p)

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RECENT ISSUES

Bakyrchik (120)	140	...
BT (Partly/Paid) (150)	183	-2½
Dunedin Japan Inv (100)	98½	-½
Dunedin Japan Inv Wts	55	...
Explaura A	5	+1½
Finsbury Smaller Co's C	153	...
Flying Flowers (65)	78	+1
Kleinwort Emrg (100)	103	...
-do- Emrg Mkts Wts	59	...
Lazard High Inc Tst (100)	110	+½
Martin Currie Pac Wts	67	...
Quadramatic (123)	136	...
Raglan Warrants	23	-1
Second HOSC	103	+1
Sharelink Inv Serv (250)	334	-1

RIGHTS ISSUES

Alliance Res n/p (5)	½	-¼
Bardon n/p (40)	10	+½
Britton n/p (10)	5	+½
Business Tech n/p (10)	2¼	+½
Cussins Prop n/p (75)	20	...
Sidlaw n/p (275)	28	+1

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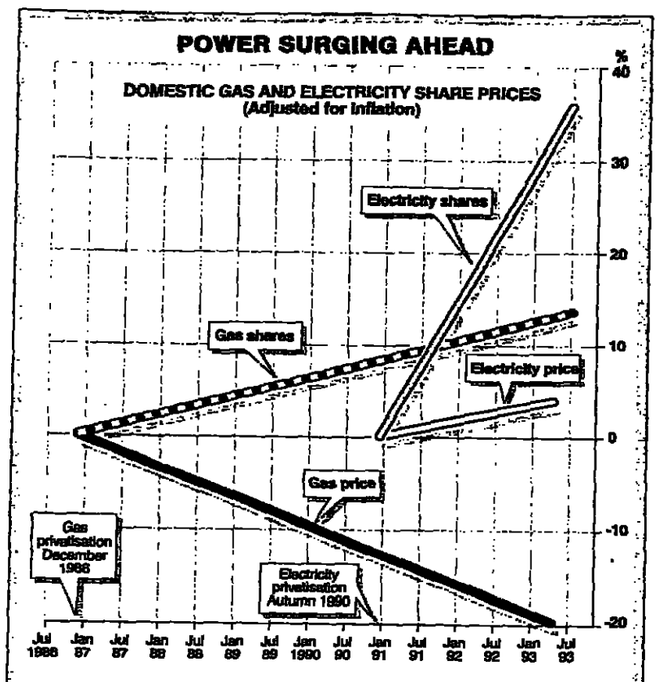
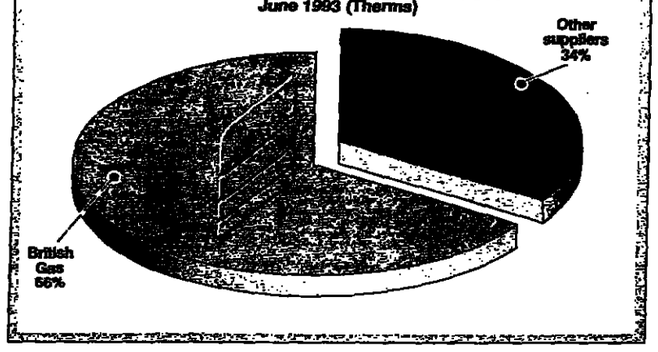
Brave new world beckons for reshaped British Gas

Concentration on distribution could turn out to be a blessing in disguise for British Gas, says **Ross Tieman**





Unless British Gas in the United Kingdom is reduced to a transportation and distribution business, competition will never flourish in UK gas supply. That, in a nutshell, is the conclusion of the nine-month Monopolies and Mergers Commission enquiry into the gas industry.

But what might it mean in the cul-de-sacs and industrial estates where British Gas workers in their blue and white vans come and go, digging up roads, reading meters?

And what kind of company would be left for the shareholder, who bought his stake at privatisation in 1986 and has watched British Gas profits under constant regulatory attack ever since.

Ifs first. The trade department ministers, headed by Michael Heseltine, the convalescing President of the Board of Trade, do not have to implement the report, in whole or in part. They may think its proposals to ease the downward pressure on consumer bills, in particular, too contentious. But the broad thrust is likely to find favour. Tim Eggar, the energy minister, showed his hand last August by cutting the threshold of competition to 2,500 therms, adding that he hoped to remove the limit altogether.

Nor is the government likely to ignore the core MMC proposal that British Gas divest itself of trading activities. The MMC has been too emphatic that competition will never work properly otherwise. But compulsory divestment would require primary legislation. Arm-twisting for a voluntary sale, or perhaps mere operating and accounting separation, seem more likely in practice.

So what is likely to happen? British Gas will now begin to reorganise itself into several separate businesses. The core business, the very heart of the empire, will be transportation and storage. It is a natural monopoly.

This business accounts for some 70 per cent of British Gas's existing activities. Its work begins at the beachhead receiving stations where gas is pumped ashore by producers from offshore gas fields. British Gas pumps the gas around Britain through a network of pipelines, storing to meet peak demand either by compressing additional gas into the pipelines or by using underground caverns. The gas is finally delivered, still in the charge of the distribution company, to the industrial or domestic user. Finally, the distribution business sends someone along to read the meter. So the road-diggers and the meter readers will remain, driving the same vans, digging the same holes, wearing the same uniforms and overalls.

British Gas will also be allowed to retain control of its fast-growing Global Gas business and its exploration and production arm. This is where it will continue to invest surplus profits from UK distribution. Graeme Odgers, the MMC chairman, insisted yesterday that his reports left British Gas ample scope to exploit its skills and technology in overseas markets. There are big opportunities here, which British Gas is pursuing.

Gas is a growth fuel around the world. In Britain, it accounts for about half of all energy used, if transport is excluded, the MMC found. Many countries are only now striving to introduce proper gas distribution networks, and British Gas, a world leader in the field, is involved in projects in areas ranging from eastern Germany to India and beyond. At the same time, it is rebuilding its exploration and production arm, with a deal to take over large reserves in the former Soviet Union as a cornerstone.

Being forced to concentrate on distribution could prove a blessing in disguise for British Gas. According to the MMC, this is likely to accelerate the pace of innovation and improve the company's cost-competitiveness, enhancing global competitiveness.

So what will British Gas have to split off? Its trading activity, says the MMC. This embraces the functions of buying gas from producers, mainly in the North Sea, and selling it through teams targeting household customers, industrial and commercial users, and heavy industries, including power station operators, who are prepared to halt consumption at peak periods.

This is where the MMC has concluded that British Gas participation is unhealthy, as it is wrong for the company to act as monopoly distributor and leading supplier.

If the MMC has its way, customers, from the biggest power station operator to the single flat dweller, should eventually be able to chose from competing suppliers, the MMC says. Competition is already well advanced in some areas of supply, thanks to a series of interventions by Ofgas, the regulatory body, and the Office of Fair Trading. These have forced British Gas to release supplies to competitors.

The new rivals in gas supply are mostly joint ventures between, in various groupings, North Sea oil and gas producers, American gas utilities, and British electricity companies. The oil companies provide the gas industry expertise, the power companies the marketing and customer support skills. Independent gas suppliers command 34 per cent of the total contract gas market. In the firm contract market, according to British Gas, rivals account for 57 per cent of sales. They pay British Gas hefty fees for delivering their supplies through its pipelines, and according to the MMC, have sometimes suffered less favourable treatment than the company's own supply arm. Hence the need it found for separation of responsibilities.

According to the MMC reports, industrial and commercial customers have enjoyed price cuts averaging 10 per cent, as well as improved service standards and more flexible contracts, since competition was introduced.

The reduction of the competition threshold by the government a year ago from 25,000 therms to 2,500 therms opened many more small businesses and some large gas-using households to competing suppliers for the first time. By June, British Gas says, rivals had secured 15 per cent of the business in this segment.

The MMC proposes a further lowering of the competition threshold in 1997 to 1,500 therms. This will bring a further 400,000 homes and 100,000 businesses into the competitive arena. But the MMC has failed to set a precise date for removal of the lower franchise, suggesting that this should take place some three to five years later, at the direction of Ofgas.

Removing the tariff monopoly in its entirety will not be simple. In exchange for its captive market of 18 million homes, British Gas undertakes to supply anyone within reasonable distance of a gas main, at a uniform nationwide price controlled by Ofgas, and to provide 24-hour service for emergencies.

Although eminently secure, this is not obviously a very profitable business. According to British Gas figures reproduced by the MMC, British Gas makes a current cost rate of return on its domestic business of 4.2 per cent — way below the return it achieved elsewhere. According to the company, two thirds of households could lose out in an environment of free competition. That is because they use relatively little gas, and their bills fail to cover their share of the cost of maintaining the pipe network and providing the gas they burn. The other 6 million homes would benefit, British Gas says.

This uncomfortable issue the MMC preferred to leave to Ofgas. Last night, John Dorken, Ofgas deputy director general, said he was confident difficulties could be overcome, by obliging companies wishing to compete for household customers to offer an identical tariff to all their customers, no matter where they live or how much gas they consumed. And he dismissed the suggestion that prices might rise. "If it is done properly, that should not happen," he said. Last night, independent suppliers remained adamant that they could cut prices to households by an average of 10 per cent.

Sooner or later then, the household customer is likely to find himself in the situation now experienced by a third of business customers. British Gas will respond to emergencies and read the meter. But that all-too-familiar red ink final demand notice will bear the letterhead of an independent gas supplier.

TEMPUS

Lifted by hot air

BRITISH Gas shareholders have reason to feel confused. The price of their shares has floated up over the past month, regardless of a threat that their company was to be broken up by the government. Pundits explained the ascent by predicting that the worst fears were not justified. In the event, the company is to lose its gas trading side and is to become an exploration and production company with a vast heavily regulated distribution business.

The shares rose again on publication of the MMC conclusions, in spite of warnings from the company that the proposed rates of return on the gas supply business were lower than they have hitherto experienced. We are also told that profits will be constrained in spite of some relief in the RPI formula.

It is hardly surprising that the directors present a bleak outlook: much remains to be negotiated and the forecast of a maintained dividend of 6.4p is more a signal to the government than to shareholders. However, the share price is expecting more; forecast earnings of 23p for the year are yielding about 7 per cent on the current share price, against the proposed rate of return of 4 per cent to 4.5 per cent on existing transport assets. That suggests that British Gas will invest in new facilities to obtain the higher rate of 6.5 per cent plus allowed under the proposals. However, the more likely scenario is a push on the exploration and production side. As a rule, oil and gas companies do not drill wells unless they can expect a 10 per cent return or better, and British Gas's record on the E&P front is good, with production expected to rise from 190,000 bpd to 375,000 bpd by 1997.

Evolution from staid utility to gas exploration and production is riskier for shareholders, but there are consolations, not least the dividend. The final will probably be raised to maintain cover at 1.5 times, for a yield of 5.6 per cent. That could soon be ahead of base rates.

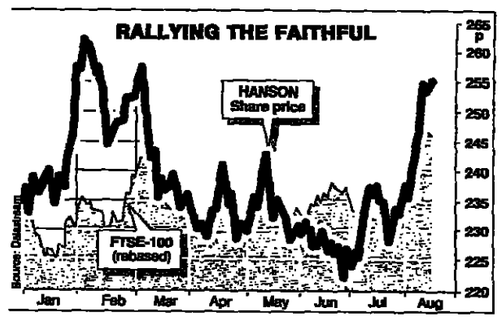
Hanson

THE market asked for a big deal, Hanson provided one and its share price soared. That may be flippant but the volatility in the stock since the beginning of the year suggests that investors are looking for direction and finding precious few indicators from the noble lords.

That problem was compounded yesterday with the announcement of the company's third-quarter figures. Hanson had already revealed that striking American miners dug a £29 million hole in profits at its Peabody coal business. But the bid for Quantum, the American petrochemicals group, has caused Hanson to pull down the shutters and the company is not giving any more clues.

Hanson is now highly geared to recovery in natural resources, with about £8 billion of assets employed in coal mining, forest products and aggregates. These businesses are earning a return of about 3 per cent on an annualised basis, further emphasising the continuing importance of tobacco profits to Hanson's results.

The positive scenario is that Hanson will benefit from an upturn in the cycle, and the same argument justifies the purchase of Quantum, a business currently depressed by overcapacity in the chemical industry. But guessing cycles is a different game to the well-known one of Hansonising inefficient manufacturers. In buying the shares today, investors are hoping for a very different tomorrow.



Sedgwick

PAYING £110 million for a business with £12 million profits and little growth over the past three years and which has, moreover, been for sale for an estimated 18 months, may look dear. But Sedgwick's decision to call on shareholders for £143.7 million to fund its purchase of pension benefits consultancy Noble Lowndes from the TSB looks sound, both commercially and financially.

Noble Lowndes has a strong brand name and its activities fit neatly with Sedgwick's existing consultancy operations. Both have operations in the UK and United States, enabling rationalisation of support services with the promise of cost savings.

Sedgwick can also reap the rewards of having a profitable US operation. Unlike the TSB, which was unable to recover American tax losses, Sedgwick expects to be able to offset Noble Lowndes losses against the profits of its existing US operations. To achieve this Sedgwick intends to inject some of its profitable businesses into Noble Lowndes' US operations.

Before the year is out Sedgwick is to pump up to $5 million into rationalising the American businesses, which should increase revenues next year by more than $5 million. Add to that the hoped for economic recovery, which will feed through swiftly into renewed activity in consultancy business, and the estimated exit price/earnings ratio of 14 times looks inexpensive.

De Beers

De Beers' first ever publication of an interim balance sheet gives a few more welcome insights into its weird and wonderful world of diamonds.

However, the sharply lower rand/dollar exchange rate plays havoc with certain figures, and what improvements in financial health there have been on the interim balance sheet will not last. There is also another warning that second half diamond sales will not be as good as those in the first half.

Any other company would be hard pressed to explain why its interim sales had risen by 42 per cent while pre-tax profits had slipped 6.1 per cent, but De Beers can roundly thank the tax man. He collected only $86 million compared with $136 million previously, enabling the company to show a rise in bottom line profits.

Annual diamond sales may yet reach $4 billion ($3.42 billion in 1992), and De Beers' year end profits still look poised for a modest advance. Over the past ten months the shares have risen from 682p to £13, to put them on a prospective price earnings ratio of 9, backed by a 4 per cent yield.

The income conscious will know that yields of between 6 and 9 per cent, and up to 12 per cent, are available from various South African gold shares. And at present, gold rather than diamonds is the real game in town.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Redland drops another brick

WELL over a year after Redland's £630 million takeover victory over Steetley, the clunk of flying bricks can be heard once more. Old wounds have opened over a fascinating account of how Redland, one of the world's biggest construction materials groups, helped the police track down Michael Sams, the man sentenced to four life sentences last month for the murder of Julie Dart and the kidnapping of Stephanie Slater. In autumn 1991, reports *Building* magazine, detectives asked the construction industry for help in identifying several bricks that the murderer used to leave messages for police. Andy Biggs, now product development manager at Redland, pinpointed their origin to Metallic Tileries of Newcastle, which closed in 1977, and narrowed the search to a builder's yard close to Sams' tool repair shop in Newark. Further research revealed that only a small volume of the bricks had been made, and those only for one particular distributor. And hence the trail led to Sams. All very well, except that it was Steetley, and not Redland, which did all the work. "It's outrageous," snorts a former adviser.

Missing catch?

EAGER to spend three weeks with David Gower? For £3,900, it's yours ... hopefully. Gower has signed up for a safari in late October that will take 16 guests on an all-inclusive trek through Namibia, the Okavango Delta, Zimbabwe and the Luangwa Valley in Zambia. The idea is to donate goods and equipment along the way to help in the fight against poaching — an issue dear to Gower's heart — but it seems that the "great white one" may prove more elusive than the rhinos he is anxious to save. "His wife is expecting their first baby on October 10 and he may not be able to make it," says Nicholas Duncan, the organiser, who nevertheless hopes to fill the last four places on his trip by the end of the week. You can call him on 081-788 1993.

Triple echo

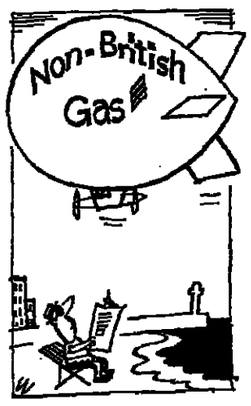
JONATHAN Edwards' triumph in the triple jump in Stuttgart on Monday will have been greeted with particular interest at Baring Securities, no stranger to field events, as recent departures have shown. Derek Browne, who deals in Latin American and Japanese shares — and is the UK's seventh ranked triple jumper — is preparing to fly to Kiev to compete in his first international athletics meet. "The firm has been quite supportive," says Browne, 26, who flies out next week, accompanied by his long-suffering coach, Dave Johnson. "I work an 11 to 12 hour day then put in two to three hours' training," he croaks.

At the double

A FLUTTERING of CVs at NatWest Markets in Bishopsgate, which is doubling the size of its property team. Robert Kynoch, a journalist specialising in commercial property, is coming on board as a specialist salesman to work alongside Marc Gilbard and Graham Stanley, ranked third in Extel after Warburgs and UBS. The other newcomer, Robin White, joined as an analyst from Lazard Brothers this week. Kynoch should not be confused with Bruce Kinloch, cigar-chomping commercial property correspondent at the *Daily Telegraph*, who is not believed to be going anywhere.

IT costs more to say au revoir in French. So says Richard Miles, chairman of Bucknall, the construction consultancy group. It announced "substantial" losses in Channel, its French operator yesterday, partly due to what Bucknall ominously refers to as "the high cost of employment termination in France." That's redundancy payments, to you and me. He estimates it costs "between 25 and 50 per cent more" to let someone go in France than the UK. A dear denouement.

JON ASHWORTH



BUSINESS LETTERS

Give training schemes a fair chance

From Mr John A. Green

Sir, Where are all the school leavers that certain politicians would have us believe cannot get a job or get onto a training scheme?

We are a small company supplying electrical appliances for which we carry out after-sales service. We have a vacancy for a trainee service engineer on the YT scheme and since February we have been trying to fill it.

We started by circularising careers masters at every comprehensive school in Rotherham and provided an "advert" that they could put on schools' noticeboards. Not one reply!

We then contacted the careers department of the JobCentre, via the YT agency, who gave us six names who would attend for an interview. Only five turned up. Of the five, only two complied with a request after the interview to return a résumé of their suitability for the position, despite being given an addressed envelope. Of the two, one could not give the correct wiring code for a three-pin plug (for a job as an electrical service engineer!) and the other was just not suitable.

Next, we tried an 11cm by 2 columns advert in the local paper, expecting sacks full of replies. Not a bit of it! Three replies — one too old for the scheme, one giving so little information that assessment for interview was impossible and the third sent a badly typed letter and forgot to put the town of address so it came to us via Chesterfield and to top it all didn't sign it so we don't know if the individual can even write. We are now back with the careers office, but, after ten days, have not had one name put forward.

Much bad publicity has been given to the YT scheme, and no doubt there is the odd employer who just uses it for cheap labour. However, for small companies like ours, it is the only way to get new custom-trained staff. The training allowance is not a fortune, but everyone has to put something of their own into their future. I remember leaving grammar school with a handful of GCEs and obtaining a job as trainee industrial chemist; I had to study for ONC on day release for three years and, during that period, my wages were the pre-decimal equivalent of £2.37 a week, which today would be around the same as the scheme provides.

It is often said that the schemes lead nowhere. Well, ask the guy that we took on three years ago on the scheme. He's now qualified and on our full-time staff.

Perhaps people should not bad mouth these schemes so much, then the youngsters might have more confidence in applying for them instead of thinking they were all dead-end exploitations.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN A. GREEN,
Managing Partner,
AMI (Appliance Marketing International),
Mangham Road,
Rotherham.

Council's rating critic unjustified

From the Head of Exchequer Services, City of Westminster

Sir, I should like to respond to Mr Breckman's unfounded criticism of Westminster City Council regarding his rating valuation appeal (Business Letters, August 11) which regrettably is borne out of his ignorance of the facts.

The following explanation may also be of some benefit to other appellants in a similar position.

Firstly, it is the District Valuer and Valuation Officer of the Inland Revenue who is responsible for all matters affecting rating valuations, including appeals, and not Westminster City Council as the rating authority.

Secondly, a rating authority has no control whatsoever over the time taken by the valuation officer when dealing with appeals, and, until the appeal is settled, is bound by law to charge and collect the business rate based on the current values, as shown in the valuation list.

Thirdly, a rating authority does not benefit from collecting ratepayers' money in these circumstances. Rating authorities act merely as agents for central government when collecting the business rate, which they have to pay to the Treasury by instalments over the year, again as prescribed by the Government. In the case of my own authority, we are responsible for collecting over £600 million of business rates this year and receive back only £39 million.

I hope that this letter goes some way to correct the erroneous impression given by Mr Breckman that Westminster City Council is responsible for what he complains about.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID BOLGER,
Head of Exchequer Services,
City of Westminster,
Westminster City Hall, SW1.

Letters to the Business section of *The Times* can be sent by fax to 071-782 5112.

Bootle is best in quick tax test

From Mr John D. Lewis

Sir, Like Mr Kenneth McKinlay (Business Letters, August 14), I was dismayed a year or two ago when our local Inspector of Taxes referred my wife's repayment claims to Bootle.

However, giving credit where such is undeniably due, I am delighted to report that, from the start, Bootle has dealt with the matters efficiently and quickly, cheques being received within days, rather than weeks.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN D. LEWIS,
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Exempt	927.80	956.80†	-0.10	3.99
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High Yield	255.70	273.30	+0.20	3.75
Balanced	676.30	722.90	-2.80	2.43
American Inc	49.54	52.95†	-0.52	3.00
Wld Asset Val	43.19	46.17†	-0.19	0.97
Japan	220.40	234.80	-2.00	0.01
Secs of Am	420.80	447.60	-4.10	0.57
AXA EQUITY & LAW				
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UK Growth Acc	331.20	352.40	-0.40	2.53
-do- Inc	234.80	249.80	-0.20	2.53
Higher Inc Acc	621.30	661.00	-1.00	3.55
-do- Inc	377.40	401.50	-0.70	3.55
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	185.80	196.20	-0.30	5.76
-do- Inc	97.38	102.80	-0.20	5.76
Nth America	252.40	268.60	-5.10	...
Far East	328.70	349.70	-7.80	0.15
Europe	344.20	299.80	-2.00	0.80
General Inc	451.70	480.60	-1.70	2.32
-do- Acc	495.60	527.30	-1.90	2.32
Brit Excell	67.07	71.36	+0.94	2.59
Brit Fndmtls Inc	73.60	78.30	+0.30	4.40
Brit Fndmtls Acc	94.84	100.90	+0.10	4.40
Global Opps	79.10	84.15	-1.11	0.07
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MANAGERS				
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Capital Gwth	108.40	114.10	+0.50	2.39
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General	254.90	272.60	-0.40	2.83
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Eastern	196.70	211.90	-3.80	1.60
Equity Income	87.58	93.16	+0.13	6.30
European Gth	249.20	265.00	-3.60	1.50
Europe	160.90	171.90	-2.20	1.50
Exempt	86.22	88.50†	...	3.60
German Growth	67.48	71.86	-0.90	0.70
Global Growth	114.00	121.80	-1.90	...
Japan Growth	216.10	231.30	-6.80	...
Japan Sunrise	189.20	202.60	-6.10	...
Portfolio	125.20	133.90†	-0.40	3.20
-do- Acc	225.10	240.80	-0.80	3.20
UK Growth	85.97	91.45	+0.07	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	88.60	94.75	+0.59	1.90
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Global Bond	30.66	32.53	-0.16	5.37
High Yield Acc	58.86	62.95	-0.09	3.50
-do- Inc	42.36	45.20†	-0.07	3.50
Smlr Cos Acc	100.23	107.20	+0.24	1.35
-do- Inc	92.12	98.53	+0.22	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	61.00	65.24	-1.19	...
-do- Inc	59.86	64.02†	-1.17	...
Euro Gth Acc	113.99	121.52	-0.93	1.07
-do- Inc	112.42	119.86	-0.92	1.07
Mngd P folio	38.10	40.75	-0.57	1.29
Pacific Growth	109.19	116.78	-4.07	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	100.79	107.80	-1.40	0.67
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Financial	139.70	148.70†	-0.40	2.82
Smaller Cos Acc	316.90	339.10	-0.70	...
Smaller Cos Inc	184.40	197.30	-0.50	1.10
High Inc	77.44	82.86	-0.18	6.32
Income	138.90	148.60	-0.20	3.70
Mngd P folio Inc	98.69	105.10†	-0.20	1.89
-do- Acc	188.50	200.80	-0.40	...
North American	108.00	115.00	-1.20	0.19
Orient	141.80	152.70	-3.50	...
Recovery	43.80	47.08	-0.06	2.37
German	45.48	48.77	-0.32	0.08
Intl Growth	36.16	38.51	-0.44	0.20
European Inc	23.26	25.03	-0.11	0.45
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Far East	53.16	56.86	-0.96	...
North American	92.86	99.85	-0.85	...
Global	91.58	97.95	-0.65	0.62
European	77.00	82.35	-0.91	0.63
Japan	126.80	135.60	-3.40	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	61.62	65.28	-0.98	5.83
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European	70.43	74.67†	-0.78	0.78
-do- Acc	73.91	78.36	-0.82	0.78
Far East Gen	73.08	77.75	-2.52	...
-do- Acc	73.08	77.75	-2.52	...
Glenfriars	275.90	293.60	-2.70	0.65
-do- Acc	310.70	330.60	-3.00	0.65
Growth	398.70	426.50†	-0.20	2.18
-do- Acc	691.20	739.30	-0.30	2.18
Income Growth	395.50	420.80†	-0.40	3.67
-do- Acc	537.40	571.80	-0.40	3.67
Master Portfolio	10040.0	10422.0†	-87.00	2.03
-do- Acc	11695.0	12141.0	-100.0	2.03
Special Sits	91.71	97.57†	-1.02	2.14
-do- Acc	108.41	115.33	-1.22	2.14
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1291.0	1331.0	-1.00	4.10
-do- Acc	1522.0	1570.0	-2.00	4.10
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Far East Growth	101.70	108.50	-3.30	0.07
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Hong Kong	87.72	93.62	-1.55	0.73
Income	544.50	581.10	-0.80	3.67
Intl Growth	78.07	83.32	-1.56	0.17
Japan Growth	310.10	331.00	-9.50	...
Japan Smllr Cos	39.09	41.72	-1.16	...
Japan Index	90.02	96.07	-2.76	0.22
Nth American	443.80	473.60	-5.40	0.46
S pore Mly Gth	59.70	63.71	-0.91	...
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-do- Acc	143.61	152.78	-0.14	2.44
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-do- Acc	92.94	92.94	+0.01	5.13
PPT Europe	165.16	175.70	-1.82	0.75
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PPT Global Bond	88.24	93.81	-1.42	5.25
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PPT Oriental Gth	61.41	65.33	-1.12	0.24
PPT Far East Gth	116.90	124.36	-2.83	...
PPT High Yield	126.29	134.35	-0.11	4.11
-do- Acc	485.56	516.55	-0.41	4.11
PPT Managed	65.52	69.70	-0.44	3.19
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-do- Acc	44.12	46.94	+0.13	1.51
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-do- Acc	88.05	93.67	-0.03	2.33
PPT Japan	133.11	141.61	-4.86	...
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PPT UK Gth	124.42	132.36	+0.07	1.76
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-do- Acc	80.63	83.56†	-0.27	2.07
Smaller Cos	134.20	142.80†	+0.50	1.12
-do- Acc	162.40	172.80†	+0.60	1.12
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EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	88.58	94.23	-1.69	0.84
Japanese Acc	71.13	75.67	-1.75	...
UK Balncd Inc	133.70	142.20†	-0.30	2.42
-do- Acc	157.60	167.70†	-0.30	2.42
UK Growth Acc	216.70	230.50	-0.40	1.94
UK High Inc	142.80	151.90	-0.60	5.83
-do- Acc	172.90	183.90	-0.70	5.83
N America Acc	115.20	122.60†	-1.60	0.32
European Acc	170.50	181.40	-1.70	0.39
UK Pref F/I Inc	62.34	66.10†	-0.10	6.66
-do- Acc	102.60	108.80†	-0.20	6.66
Intl Sp Sits Acc	52.06	55.38	-0.83	0.20
Environmntl Opp	74.87	79.65	-0.04	1.54
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	114.90	122.10	-1.60	0.41
UK Smlr Cos	213.60	227.00	+1.20	1.10
Eurofund	40.07	42.40	-0.37	0.94
Mngd Exempt	175.80	183.20	+1.00	2.87
Growth Inc	225.60	239.70†	-0.20	3.13
High Dist	153.80	163.40	-0.30	4.59
International	341.30	362.60	-3.30	0.90
Intl Income	85.83	91.62†	-0.68	2.84
Pacific	62.67	66.59	-0.53	0.45
Smllr Jap Cos	81.87	86.99	-2.45	...
Tokyo	232.20	246.70	-6.80	...
Japan Exempt	131.10	134.70	-5.00	0.38
Sm Jap Exempt	651.90	669.80	...	0.08
Equity Income	130.00	138.10	-0.70	3.62
Formerly Target				
Euro Spec Sits	149.50	158.10	-1.20	0.50
Financial	45.79	48.65	-0.38	2.48
Global Opps Inc	94.14	100.00	-1.10	1.99
-do- Acc	97.58	103.70	-1.10	1.99
Gold Gen Inc	51.72	54.95	-0.10	0.76
-do- Acc	99.27	105.50	-0.20	0.76
Japan General	180.20	191.50	-5.50	...
Preference	23.61	25.09	-0.02	7.25
Worldwide Cap	208.70	221.70†	-1.20	2.89
World Income	89.20	94.75†	-0.72	3.14
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT				
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7281				
Endurance	186.30	198.20	...	0.86
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	112.33	118.24	+0.53	3.18
High Income	131.18	138.08	+0.06	4.41
Tst of Inv Tsts	164.01	172.64†	+0.23	2.10
Special Sits	88.64	93.31	+0.33	2.01
North American	107.22	112.86	+0.44	0.97
Far Eastern	266.48	280.50†	-2.14	1.57
Intl Growth	103.32	108.76	-0.94	1.13
European	68.95	72.58	+0.58	1.86
Smaller Cos	69.64	73.31	+0.41	1.95
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
United Charities	238.00	253.20	...	3.43
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.40
European Tst	138.80	147.60	-0.60	...
High Income	27.50	28.94†	...	5.78
FOREIGN & COLONIAL				
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	99.57	105.30†	-1.10	0.59
Far Eastern	149.00	159.60	-4.00	...
High Income	23.83	25.36†	-0.01	10.00
Overs Income	91.64	98.01	-1.25	3.07
UK Growth	100.30	107.30†	+0.30	0.88
UK Income	108.80	116.30	-0.40	3.84
US Smaller Cos	268.40	287.10	-4.50	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Amer Gth	50.20	53.40	-0.75	...
-do- Acc	50.20	53.40	-0.75	...
Am Smllr Co	448.30	479.40	-6.80	...
-do- Acc	458.00	489.70	-7.10	...
Capital	300.10	319.20	+0.50	1.58
-do- Acc	417.90	444.50	+0.70	1.58
Contl Smllr Cos	49.81	53.51	-0.43	0.12
-do- Acc	52.07	55.94	-0.44	0.12
Convertible	120.10	127.70	-0.20	5.64
-do- Acc	228.00	242.50	-0.40	5.64
Emg Mark	58.02	61.98	-0.89	...
-do- Acc	58.02	61.98	-0.89	...
European	102.40	109.20	-0.90	0.88
-do- Acc	106.80	113.90	-0.90	0.88
Extra Income	312.00	331.80	+0.40	3.73
-do- Acc	446.80	475.20	+0.50	3.73
Financial	116.60	124.70	-1.20	0.19
-do- Acc	122.00	130.50	-1.30	0.19
Gilt Gth Tst	68.07	70.19	+0.05	6.07
-do- Acc	87.96	90.70	+0.07	6.07
Health Fund Inc	119.30	127.40	-1.80	...
-do- Acc	119.30	127.40	-1.80	...
Income Tst	192.90	205.10	+0.10	3.39
-do- Acc	273.40	290.80	+0.10	3.39
Intl Growth	340.10	362.90	-5.00	...
-do- Acc	377.70	402.90	-5.60	...
Japan Gen	201.10	215.00	-6.00	...
-do- Acc	203.10	217.20	-6.00	...
Mngd P folio Inc	96.52	101.60	-0.60	0.80
-do- Acc	101.50	106.80	-0.60	0.80
Monthly Income	161.80	172.10	+0.50	3.67
Qrtly Inc	52.59	55.94	-0.02	5.50
-do- Acc	53.35	56.74	-0.02	5.50
Recovery	309.60	331.00	-3.70	0.30
-do- Acc	363.70	388.90	-4.30	0.30
UK Growth	48.91	52.29	+0.02	2.40
-do- Acc	48.91	52.29	+0.02	2.40
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts. SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	365.74	389.09	-0.99	2.63
-do- Acc	746.86	794.53	-2.02	2.63
Euro Gth Dist	115.76	123.15†	-1.72	0.70
-do- Acc	119.80	127.45†	-1.79	0.70
Fixed Int Dist	140.44	148.55	-0.03	5.87
-do- Acc	237.49	251.21	-0.05	5.87
Intl Gth Dist	83.03	88.33	-1.28	0.62
-do- Acc	86.20	91.70	-1.34	0.62
Nth Amer Dist	175.14	185.53†	-2.47	0.88
-do- Acc	190.88	202.20†	-2.69	0.88
Pac Basin Dist	271.09	288.39†	-4.37	0.04
-do- Acc	276.26	293.89†	-4.45	0.04
Stewardship Dist	313.92	333.96	+0.48	1.84
-do- Acc	374.32	398.21	+0.58	1.84
Stwd Inc Dist	66.62	70.87†	+0.08	3.07
-do- Acc	83.07	88.37†	+0.10	3.07
N Am Stwd Dist	102.85	109.42†	-1.50	...
-do- Acc	108.80	115.75†	-1.58	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	142.80	152.80	-2.30	...
European	450.90	479.60	-3.30	0.88
Far East General	248.10	265.30	-6.40	0.27
Germany	110.10	116.60	-0.50	0.40
Global Assets In	73.24	78.08	-0.36	2.07
Global Assets Ac	77.45	82.56	-0.38	2.02
Income Inc	135.30	144.80	+0.10	6.08
International	304.50	325.30	-3.40	0.86
Intl Income	82.01	87.16	-0.03	4.57
Japan General	411.00	437.00	-13.50	...
Smllr Cos Div	48.62	52.00†	+0.13	5.71
UK Capital Inc	173.10	185.20†	-0.40	3.86
-do- Acc	298.70	319.50	-0.80	3.51
Uk Spec Sits	82.48	88.22	+0.01	1.44
US General	125.60	133.80	-2.10	0.10
W wide Spec Sits	134.00	143.10†	-1.20	0.09
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	46.87	50.13†	-0.16	1.30
Cash Trust*	129.88	129.88†	+0.01	5.12
Pract Inv Inc	111.95	120.11	+0.20	3.82
-do- Acc	240.33	257.87	+0.45	3.82
UK Smaller Cos	110.69	118.70	+0.47	0.78
Income Funds				
Preference Share	27.19	29.08	+0.19	8.01
High Inc	33.88	36.24†	+0.05	4.53
UK Equity Inc	135.22	144.62†	+0.05	3.75
Global Bond	30.45	31.54	-0.37	5.68
International Funds				
Gold Intl	91.60	98.21	+1.30	0.43
Fronder Markets	45.39	48.68	-0.45	0.12
Global Inc Gth	125.01	133.27	-1.47	1.80
UK Intl	124.70	133.37	-0.22	0.34
Overseas Funds				
American	133.17	142.24	-1.63	0.44
European	87.74	92.99	-0.66	0.92
Euro Sel Opps	105.55	112.38†	-0.90	0.65
American Emerg	88.07	94.44	-1.39	...
Hong Kong	122.49	131.36	-2.11	1.90
Japan	259.94	276.07†	-6.75	...
Pacific Growth	167.65	179.79	-2.99	0.36
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	135.42	144.83	-0.73	0.32
American Gth	133.54	142.83	-1.71	...
European Gth	72.03	76.55	-0.86	0.61
Japan Gth	89.95	96.21	-1.02	...
Greater China	151.88	162.44†	-0.53	2.85
Pacific Strategy	135.37	144.78	-1.47	0.30
UK Prog Inc	79.95	84.17	+0.14	4.69
British Growth	50.80	53.64	-0.19	2.47
UK Small Cos	45.75	48.93	+0.32	1.81
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9668				
Cash	132.10	132.10	...	5.05
Gilt Fixed	132.00	140.10	+0.10	5.52
Growth Equity	310.30	331.50	-1.10	1.90
Guardhill	451.10	481.90†	-1.70	2.04
Income Trust	115.80	123.70	-0.30	3.00
International	170.50	182.10	-2.00	0.15
Japan Trust	141.50	151.10†	-3.10	...
Nth American	264.80	282.90	-4.50	0.39
Pacific	411.50	439.60	-4.30	...
European	381.60	407.60	-1.40	0.57
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838846				
Global Adv Inc	37.23	39.47†	...	1.50
-do- Acc	39.24	41.60	...	1.50
Inc Adv Inc	31.04	32.91	-0.10	3.74
-do- Acc	32.57	34.53	-0.10	3.74
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	82.31	88.17	-1.22	0.93
Equity Income	119.20	126.80†	-0.80	3.30
European	141.90	150.10	-1.20	0.90
Intl Situation	80.35	85.48	-1.02	...
Japanese	157.10	166.70	-2.80	...
North American	97.62	103.60	-1.40	0.08
Scandinavian	130.40	137.90†	-1.10	...
Smaller Cos	31.48	33.49	+0.21	1.91
HENDERSON				
PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	92.40	98.77	-2.03	...
Asian Enterprise	138.28	147.87	-1.50	0.97
European	408.73	432.55	-4.99	0.70
European Inc	74.27	78.57†	-0.69	2.49
Euro Sml Co	127.05	135.30	-1.29	0.69
Extra Income	278.57	296.56	+0.41	4.43
Family of Funds	75.79	80.81†	+0.22	1.01
Global Bond	58.34	62.39	-0.14	6.99
High Inc	310.37	331.78†	+1.00	3.74
Income Gth	253.86	270.36	+0.13	3.20
-do- Acc	656.66	699.34	+0.34	3.20
International	243.27	259.81	-2.99	0.70
Japan Spc Sit	270.08	287.44	-6.19	...
Japan	235.21	250.44†	-6.07	...
N Amer	227.48	242.11†	-3.64	0.07
Pacific Smllr Cos	211.17	224.64	-3.35	0.32
Pref Gilt	48.10	51.70†	-0.04	8.33
Smaller Cos Div	179.71	192.46†	+0.92	3.58
Special Sits	273.87	293.04	-0.85	1.88
-do- Acc	422.00	451.54	-1.31	1.88
Best of British	58.80	62.90	-0.06	2.19
Henderson TR				
American Gth	84.18	90.03	-1.15	...
Euro Spec Sits	51.24	54.48	...	0.87
-do- Acc	54.25	57.68	...	0.87
Far East Opps	35.08	37.53	-0.27	0.57
-do- Acc	36.11	38.63	-0.28	0.57
General Growth	103.09	110.30†	-0.03	2.35
Global Tech	135.29	144.76	-0.66	...
Income Growth	108.46	115.99†	-0.33	3.49
Income Monthly	60.21	64.39†	+0.33	5.25
Japan Growth	92.54	98.73	-2.14	...
Overseas Gth	...	...	...	...
Smaller Cos	76.10	81.42	+0.43	1.70
Special Opps	110.66	118.98†	+0.47	1.07
Wld Spec Sits	54.15	58.09†	...	0.46
-do- Acc	54.27	58.22	...	0.46
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS				
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	91.13	97.46	-0.25	2.14
Capital	160.80	171.90†	-1.00	1.82
Dollar	322.20	344.50	-3.90	0.01
European	209.50	224.00†	-3.40	0.57
Far East	253.90	271.50	-4.00	0.24
Financial	771.80	825.40	-2.90	1.82
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	27.33	28.39†	+0.04	7.29
High Yield	109.50	117.10	+0.10	4.19
Income	143.10	153.00	-0.20	3.12
Intl	226.40	242.10†	-3.00	0.18
Japan Tech	78.92	84.40	-3.21	...
Nat Resources	63.47	67.88	-0.32	0.42
Security	310.60	332.10	-0.40	1.84
Smaller Cos	116.70	124.80	-2.10	1.14
Special Sits	144.80	154.80	-0.20	1.53
US Smaller Cos	73.14	78.22	-0.93	...
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	26.36	28.18†	+0.09	1.25
Special Features	29.62	31.47	+0.04	1.86
-do- Acc	34.97	37.15	+0.04	1.86
General Funds				
UK Growth	56.01	59.88	...	2.03
Assets Earnings	74.01	78.63†	+0.12	2.23
do Acc	88.10	93.60†	+0.14	2.23
Managed Invest	94.09	100.40	-1.00	1.10
Rupert Children	78.55	83.75	-0.14	2.09
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.07	50.07†	...	4.45
Extra Inc	85.81	91.69†	-0.24	4.59
Gilt	29.17	30.69	-0.05	6.32
Income Gth	41.59	44.32	-0.11	3.41
MDMstar	80.31	82.06	-0.06	7.67
Preference	18.46	19.63†	-0.01	6.45
UK Income	330.90	353.40	-0.30	2.91
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	63.04	66.97	-0.48	1.20
Property Shares	70.07	75.49	-0.32	1.52
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	155.70	163.20	-0.70	3.96
European Acc	123.30	130.60	-0.80	1.49
European Dist	117.40	124.30	-0.80	1.49
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	49.60	52.74	-0.72	0.96
European Perf	125.60	133.20†	-0.50	0.67
-do- Acc	129.50	137.40†	-0.50	0.67
Euro Small Cos	23.16	24.62	-0.12	0.62
French Growth	71.20	75.75	-0.44	0.48
-do- Acc	76.06	80.93	-0.47	0.48
Hong K/China	74.34	78.98	-1.14	1.57
Intl Growth	55.56	59.03	-0.76	0.67
-do- Acc	55.56	59.03	-0.76	0.67
Japan Perf	38.05	40.42	-0.92	...
Accum Units	38.05	40.42	-0.92	...
Japan Smllr Cos	42.47	45.18	-1.26	...
Singapore Asean	89.77	95.37†	-1.09	0.32
-do- Acc	90.41	96.05†	-1.09	0.32
South East Asia	249.50	265.00	-4.20	0.65
US Smllr Cos	108.70	115.40	-2.90	..
-do- Acc	109.90	116.70	-2.40	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	89.09	95.02	-0.66	2.47
Intl Bond	58.30	60.13†	-0.63	5.57
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD				
10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7364				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	70.00	70.38†	+0.01	5.03
Extra Income	55.53	59.07	-0.09	6.54
Gilt Yield	124.80	131.60	-0.10	6.87
Global Income	208.20	221.50†	-3.61	3.95
High Yield	143.70	152.90†	-1.53	5.45
Smllr Cos Div	52.03	55.35†	+0.21	3.58
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	94.19	100.20	-1.90	...
North American	77.75	82.71	-1.40	0.41
European	138.30	147.10	-2.00	1.52
Euro Special	81.92	87.15†	-0.45	1.04
General	274.00	291.50†	-2.40	3.06
Japan	473.10	503.30	-14.50	..
Japanese Special	262.90	279.70	-9.50	..
Master Acc	230.40	245.10	-1.60	1.26
Pacific	296.40	315.30	-6.40	0.51
Smaller Cos	102.80	109.40	+0.64	1.53
UK Equity Gth	39.11	41.61†	-0.90	1.68
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	79.76	84.85	-0.89	0.95
Extra Income	25.19	26.80	-0.03	3.38
Far East	30.38	32.32	-0.55	0.75
Income Gwth	75.09	79.88†	-0.26	2.63
Intl Growth	55.57	59.12	-0.79	0.63
Japan	73.51	78.20†	-1.67	..
Maximum Dist*	100.00	102.00†	..	6.91
N Amer Equity	39.25	41.76	-0.52	0.27
UK Equity	91.08	96.89	-0.38	2.83
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST *MANAGEMENT*				
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	54.23	57.69†	-0.31	4.33
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690595				
Equity Dist	447.60	476.20	-0.40	2.60
Equity Acc	849.70	903.90	-0.70	2.60
Equity Income	98.14	104.40†	...	4.45
European	100.70	107.10†	-1.00	1.21
Far Eastern	202.50	215.40	-4.00	...
Fixed Interest	55.82	59.38	+0.02	5.88
Gilt	96.44	102.30	-0.10	6.01
Global Growth	72.28	76.89	-1.01	0.42
Intl Bond	57.41	61.07†	-1.07	4.65
Japanese	80.54	85.68	-2.53	...
Overseas Equity	104.20	110.80	-1.30	0.05
Pacific Gth	93.27	99.22	-0.88	0.42
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834313				
Balanced	328.00	349.00	-0.20	2.77
-do- Acc	720.40	766.40	-0.40	2.77
Contl Euro Gth	55.01	57.91	-0.62	1.08
-do- Acc	58.17	61.24	-0.66	1.08
Extra Inc	250.70	266.80	...	3.53
-do- Acc	619.70	659.30	...	3.53
German Gth	111.80	117.70	-1.80	0.01
-do- Acc	117.20	123.40	-2.00	0.01
Growth Port	510.70	543.30	-1.10	0.54
-do- Acc	510.70	543.30	-1.10	0.54
Income	475.90	506.30	-0.20	3.33
-do- Acc	1221.0	1299.0	-1.00	3.33
Income Port	508.50	541.00	-0.30	4.22
-do- Acc	516.00	549.00	-0.20	4.22
Japan Growth	112.30	119.50	-2.50	0.01
-do- Acc	112.70	119.90	-2.50	0.01
Master Trust	54.38	57.86	-0.25	1.22
-do- Acc	59.87	63.70	-0.27	1.22
N American Gen	192.00	204.30	-0.60	0.01
-do- Acc	221.80	236.00	-0.80	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	145.90	155.30	+0.90	0.01
-do- Acc	148.90	158.50	+1.00	0.01
Pacific Basin	217.30	231.20	-4.70	0.67
-do- Acc	229.60	244.30	-5.00	0.67
Small Cos Rec	317.00	333.70	-10.10	2.60
-do- Acc	412.80	434.60	-13.20	2.60
UK Growth	80.29	85.42	-1.29	2.45
-do- Acc	94.60	100.70	-1.40	2.45
Worldwide Gth	298.30	317.40	-4.00	0.15
-do- Acc	439.80	467.90	-6.00	0.15
LONDON & MANCHESTER				
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282673				
General	81.19	87.11	-0.20	2.70
Income	65.57	70.35	-0.14	4.90
International	60.63	65.05	-0.78	0.70
American	60.69	65.12	-0.79	0.30
Japan	61.71	66.21†	-1.32	..
Tst of Inv Trusts	63.25	67.87	+0.21	1.60
M & G SECURITIES LTD				
Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	392.80	415.40†	-4.60	0.89
-do- Acc	485.30	513.30	-5.60	0.89
American Rec	430.90	455.70	-6.90	0.19
-do- Acc	493.80	522.20	-7.80	0.19
Am Sm Co Acc	125.00	132.20	-2.50	...
Australia Acc	176.70	186.80	+0.40	0.90
Capital	704.60	745.10†	-1.20	2.27
-do- Acc	787.00	832.20	-1.30	2.27
Commodity Acc	461.30	487.90	-3.00	0.74
Compnd Gth	879.00	929.50	-4.30	2.52
Dividend	38.60	40.80	-0.20	3.86
-do- Acc	152.90	161.70	-0.90	3.86
Equity Inc	319.80	338.20†	-0.20	4.43
European Div	62.80	66.40†	-0.10	3.82
-do- Acc	72.70	76.90	-0.10	3.82
European Gen	414.60	438.40	-1.50	0.89
-do- Acc	520.80	550.70	-1.90	0.89
Extra Yield	411.30	435.00	-2.80	4.06
-do- Acc	1202.7	1271.9	-8.30	4.06
Far Eastern	324.50	343.20†	-4.90	0.56
-do- Acc	428.10	452.80	-6.40	0.56
Fund of Inv	562.10	594.40	+2.10	1.96
-do- Acc	1025.3	1084.2	+3.80	1.96
General	57.80	61.10	-0.20	3.36
-do- Acc	154.50	163.50	-0.50	3.36
Gilt Fxd Int	65.74	65.83†	-0.01	7.14
do Acc	167.60	167.82	-0.04	7.14
Gold	58.60	62.00†	+0.20	0.74
-do- Acc	68.80	72.90	+0.20	0.74
High Inc	27.30	28.90	...	4.08
-do- Acc	103.40	109.40	-0.30	4.08
Intl Growth	72.70	76.90†	-0.80	0.69
-do- Acc	125.90	133.30	-1.30	0.69
Intl Inc	98.80	104.50	-1.00	4.40
Japan Gen Acc	57.60	60.90	-1.60	...
Japan Smllr Cos	167.60	177.30	-3.80	...
Midland	59.60	63.00	+0.20	2.95
-do- Acc	190.80	201.80	+0.60	2.95
Recovery	39.30	41.60†	-0.20	2.39
-do- Acc	62.60	66.20	-0.40	2.39
Second Gen	67.10	71.00	+0.10	3.16
-do- Acc	166.20	175.90	+0.20	3.16
Smaller Cos	62.30	65.90†	-0.30	2.91
-do- Acc	119.60	126.60	+0.60	2.91
Trustee	42.10	44.50	...	3.57
Charibond 3	‡116.97	...†	+0.40	9.22
Charifund 2	673.80	687.30†	-4.10	4.89
Pension ex 1	897.20	919.70	-3.80	4.01
NAACIF Inc 3	148.52	...†	+0.20	7.11
-do- Acc 3	‡1197.4	...	+5.80	7.11
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 410, Chester X. CH99 9QG 0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	144.00	154.00†	-0.65	1.90
-do- Acc	161.40	172.60†	-0.65	1.90
UK Income	120.40	128.80	-0.31	2.45
-do- Acc	136.10	145.50	-0.31	2.45
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	87.35	93.42	-1.38	0.43
Far East	148.60	157.80	-0.40	0.15
Income Growth	75.71	80.37†	-0.20	3.22
European	74.65	79.25	-0.06	1.09
Nth American	57.51	61.05	-0.71	0.43
UK Growth	80.34	85.29	+0.12	2.01
Intl Growth	102.20	108.50	-1.50	0.67
Charities	114.00	121.00†	-0.10	3.93
Intl Income	71.53	75.93	-0.33	4.94
Japan	60.63	64.36	-0.88	..
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	193.20	205.20	-2.70	..
-do- Acc	206.50	219.30	-2.80	..
Cash	100.40	100.40†	...	5.55
-do- Acc	130.90	130.90†	...	5.55
Emg Mkts Acc	95.04	102.20	-0.50	...
European Gth	207.70	220.30	-1.80	0.72
-do- Acc	223.30	236.80	-2.00	0.72
General	483.60	515.90	-2.20	2.35
-do- Acc	920.00	981.40	-4.40	2.35
Global Dist	135.90	143.00	-1.90	5.11
-do- Acc	152.10	160.00	-2.10	5.11
Income	145.90	155.40	-0.70	4.38
-do- Acc	216.70	230.70	-1.20	4.38
International	414.30	441.60	-4.70	0.63
-do- Acc	551.00	587.30	-6.20	0.63
Japan Acc	213.60	226.50	-4.90	...
New Europe	150.10	160.20	-0.80	1.62
-do- Acc	152.70	162.90	-0.70	1.62
Recovery	304.30	324.60	-0.20	2.76
-do- Acc	384.50	410.20	-0.20	2.76
European Inc	75.70	80.35†	-0.66	3.03
-do- Acc	98.07	104.00†	-0.90	3.03
Brit Blue Chip	75.08	79.93	-0.32	3.15
-do- Acc	88.55	94.26	-0.38	3.15
Portfolio	77.43	82.34	-0.30	2.73
-do- Acc	88.05	93.62	-0.35	2.75
Gold General	141.10	151.70†	+2.00	0.62
-do- Acc	144.30	155.20†	+2.20	0.62
Pacific	98.62	105.20†	-1.30	0.79
-do- Acc	104.90	111.90†	-1.30	0.79
UK Smaller Cos	54.86	58.53	+0.02	1.86
-do- Acc	61.23	65.32	+0.04	1.86
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 520 200 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	59.30	63.42	-0.24	2.21
-do- Acc	60.20	64.39	-0.25	2.71
British Dist	79.76	85.31	-0.14	1.95
-do- Acc	90.29	96.57	-0.16	1.95
European Gth	183.30	196.00	-2.30	0.24
-do- Acc	230.20	246.20	-2.80	0.24
Extra High Inc	73.08	78.16	+0.02	5.80
-do- Acc	130.70	139.80	...	5.80
FT-SE 100 Index	49.96	53.43	-0.06	2.52
-do- Acc	50.71	54.23	-0.06	2.52
Gilt Fixed Int	58.73	61.14	-0.08	6.51
-do- Acc	156.80	163.20	-0.20	6.51
High Yield	232.80	249.00	...	4.34
-do- Acc	546.50	584.50	...	4.34
Income	291.30	311.50†	-0.70	3.09
-do- Acc	615.80	658.60	-1.50	3.09
Japan Gth	388.80	415.80	-12.30	..
-do- Acc	410.30	438.80	-13.00	...
Mandarin Acc	107.70	115.20	-1.20	0.71
North American	166.30	177.90	-3.60	0.41
-do- Acc	209.80	224.40	-4.60	0.41
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	276.60	294.30†	-4.50	...
Deposit Inc	99.97	99.97†	+0.01	5.18
Deposit Acc	123.42	123.42†	+0.02	5.18
Euro Gth Acc	313.50	334.40	-0.60	...
Europa	134.90	144.60†	-0.60	...
Intl Gth	182.20	194.60	-2.50	...
Japan Tracker	87.77	92.93	-2.24	...
UK Equity Inc	159.50	171.50	-0.30	3.85
-do- Acc	195.60	210.30	-0.40	3.85
UK Ind Tracker	147.90	158.30	-0.50	3.04
US Eq Ind Trkr	194.70	206.40	-2.60	1.43
-do- Acc	206.00	218.40	-2.70	1.43
Asian Trader	171.40	185.80	-2.70	0.44
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	170.40	174.30†	-3.00	1.92
European	64.67	66.04	-0.77	1.51
Olympiad	59.72	61.21†	-1.01	0.23
Global Bond	48.59	49.11†	-0.08	6.23
Smaller Cos	69.51	72.57	+0.03	1.25
Equity Income	95.90	98.55	-0.57	4.99
UK Growth	86.33	88.95	-0.46	1.73
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	47.87	51.06	-0.51	1.13
Australian Acc	326.60	350.40	-1.70	...
Conscience	64.37	68.69	+0.43	1.18
-do- Acc	69.48	74.15	+0.47	1.18
European	177.60	188.90	-1.60	1.10
-do- Acc	191.10	203.20	-1.80	1.10
Extra Income	75.86	80.96	...	5.48
-do- Acc	116.40	124.20	...	5.48
Far East Gth	178.60	190.90	-3.30	0.03
Gilt Fxd Inc	60.23	63.56†	-0.05	6.23
Gold	52.18	56.10	+0.67	...
-do- Acc	56.19	60.41	+0.72	...
Income	55.13	58.80	-0.03	4.74
-do- Acc	168.70	179.90	-0.10	4.74
International	31.21	33.48	-0.45	0.66
-do- Acc	44.84	48.11	-0.65	0.66
Jap Sm Cos Acc	382.70	408.20	-11.40	...
S pore Mly Acc	209	224.10	-2.70	...
Smllr Cos Acc	25.92	27.87	+0.13	0.75
Special Sits	33.67	36.20	+0.03	1.69
-do- Acc	38.78	41.69	+0.04	1.69
Tokyo	95.97	102.30	-3.40	...
-do- Acc	96.94	103.40	-3.40	...
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5522				
N&P UK Growth	69.31	73.74†	-0.18	2.65
N&P Glt Fxd Int	77.13	81.62†	-0.40	5.76
N&P Higher Inc	209.60	223.00	+0.10	4.35
N&P UK Income	106.80	113.70	-0.10	3.61
N&P Intl	93.24	99.20	-0.65	1.63
N&P Smaller Cos	75.79	80.63	+3.09	1.67
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS				
71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR 071 407 4404				
General	171.54	182.49†	...	2.02
Global	311.20	331.07	...	3.06
Growth	111.86	119.01	...	1.93
Income	211.34	224.83†	...	3.70
Intl Bond	137.35	145.84	...	6.76
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD				
PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	142.70	149.80	-0.20	2.50
-do- Acc	252.20	265.40	-0.40	2.50
Income	231.70	246.40	-1.30	3.34
Intl Equity	237.60	252.70	-3.60	0.77
-do- Acc	260.10	276.70	-3.90	0.77
Equity	224.60	238.90	-0.70	2.38
-do- Acc	460.50	490.00	-1.40	2.38
UK Intl 25 Acc	73.12	77.78	-0.46	1.88
UK Income	63.34	67.38†	-0.33	2.94
UK Smllr Co Acc	79.16	84.21	+0.27	1.41
New Europe Acc	65.02	69.17	-0.78	1.02
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST				
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	103.13	110.30	+0.62	0.01
PEP Growth	108.70	116.20	+0.55	1.31
Intl Gth	536.43	573.73	+3.34	0.49
Income	330.48	353.46	+0.94	3.18
W wide Recov	339.76	363.38	+3.21	0.32
American Gth	219.45	234.71	+1.11	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	202.74	216.84	+1.90	0.02
Far East Gth	246.32	263.45	+1.20	0.01
European Gth	125.93	134.69	+1.57	1.16
UK Growth	82.85	88.62	+0.31	2.74
High Income	89.93	96.19†	+0.20	4.00
Japanese Gth	245.25	260.93	+2.61	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 282443				
International	185.90	197.80	-2.00	0.65
High Income	116.80	124.20	-0.40	3.44
Conv Gilt	115.00	122.30†	-0.20	5.50
Far East	334.90	355.80	-4.00	0.06
Global Inc Acc	33.14	35.26	-0.20	4.85
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	51.83	55.14†	-0.98	0.20
Emerging Mkts	70.63	75.14†	-1.28	0.52
General	50.25	53.46	-0.11	3.04
International	89.92	95.66	-1.44	1.26
Gilt Units	27.35	28.20†	-0.88	7.06
Global PEP	36.99	39.35	-1.35	1.95
Income Gth	69.45	73.88†	-0.16	4.43
European	46.26	49.21	-0.83	0.61
Gilt/Fixed Int	27.15	28.88	-0.11	5.41
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314 Pricebank: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst	32.95	35.34	-0.25	1.50
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	100.89	101.39†	+0.01	4.73
-do- Acc	106.06	106.58†	+0.01	4.73
Pru Equity	683.57	731.09	+0.83	2.55
Pru Equity Inc	84.02	89.86†	+1.39	4.26
Pru European	185.21	198.08	-1.16	0.96
Pru Global Gth	82.95	88.71†	-0.66	1.22
Pru High Inc	90.71	97.01†	+0.26	4.65
Pru Intl	170.52	182.37†	-2.06	1.02
Pru Intl Sm Co	73.38	78.48	-1.26	0.59
Pru Japanese	223.24	238.75	-7.60	...
Pru Nth Amer	147.89	158.17	-2.61	0.77
Pru Pacific Mkt	83.15	88.93†	-1.01	1.10
Pru Premr Inc	52.11	54.25†	-0.07	4.99
Pru Smllr Cos	84.36	90.22	+0.19	2.08
Pru Spec Sits	101.34	108.38†	+0.18	2.46
Pru UK Growth	112.83	120.67†	+0.03	2.39
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
FA Income	162.95	174.07	+0.39	3.46
FA Japan	306.34	325.89	-7.50	...
FA Maj UK Cos	94.77	101.25	-0.09	2.48
FA America Inc	512.30	545.71†	-6.97	0.88
-do- Acc	598.16	637.18	-8.13	0.88
FA Smlr UK Cos	278.06	300.62	+0.96	1.54
FA European	268.98	284.94	-3.49	1.23
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	74.18	78.91	-1.18	3.58
Capital Units	152.00	161.70	-0.70	1.07
Commodity	111.70	118.80†	...	1.03
European Gth	169.80	180.60	-0.70	1.08
Financial Sec	187.30	199.30	-1.40	1.27
High Return	222.20	236.40†	-0.80	3.60
High Yield	216.50	230.30	-0.30	3.88
Income Units	114.50	121.80†	-0.40	4.43
Investment	194.80	207.20	+0.90	1.30
Japan Gth	174.00	185.10	-4.20	...
Japan Smaller	203.00	216.00	-5.00	...
Masterfund	49.88	53.06	-0.48	1.20
Scotbits	272.60	290.00†	-2.60	1.42
Scotshares	262.80	279.60	+0.10	2.62
Scotyields	230.60	245.30†	-5.60	3.30
Select Intl	136.60	145.30	-1.50	0.39
Smaller Cos	237.50	252.70	+0.70	3.73
Special Situation	112.00	119.10	-0.30	0.81
UK Equity	232.40	247.30†	-0.80	2.79
US Growth	142.30	151.40	-2.00	0.26
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St, London, EC4V 4EJ. Client line: 0800 526 535 Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	241.01	256.17	-1.75	0.63
-do- Acc	261.12	277.55	-1.89	0.63
Australian	136.45	145.54†	-2.58	0.73
-do- Acc	161.38	172.13	-3.05	0.73
UK Enterprise	227.43	242.59†	-0.61	2.22
-do- Acc	265.77	283.49	-0.71	2.22
European Gth	65.37	69.54	-0.44	1.30
-do- Acc	67.89	72.23	-0.46	1.30
Euro Smllr Cos	59.91	63.85	-0.47	0.43
-do- Acc	60.32	64.29	-0.47	0.43
Far Eastern Gth	76.74	81.85†	-1.15	...
-do- Acc	77.98	83.17	-1.17	...
Fixed Interest	56.72	59.81	+0.05	6.41
-do- Acc	68.88	72.63	+0.06	6.41
Gilt Income	109.99	115.91	-0.07	7.20
-do- Acc	153.62	161.89	-0.09	7.20
Income	342.17	364.98	-1.10	3.72
-do- Acc	1009.3	1076.5	-3.25	3.72
Japan Enterprise	75.23	80.24	-2.11	..
-do- Acc	75.23	80.24	-2.11	..
Japan Smllr Cos	519.75	554.40†	-16.59	...
-do- Acc	520.79	555.51	-16.63	...
Pacific Gth	101.04	107.77†	-1.18	0.24
-do- Acc	104.04	110.97	-1.21	0.24
Smaller Cos	196.57	209.67	+0.34	0.95
-do- Acc	227.35	242.51	+0.41	0.95
Tokyo	121.39	129.48	-4.09	...
-do- Acc	122.62	130.79	-4.13	...
UK Equity	221.70	236.48†	-0.36	2.60
-do- Acc	416.22	443.96	-0.69	2.60
US Smllr Cos	140.27	149.62	-1.14	...
-do- Acc	140.27	149.62	-1.14	...
World Fd	74.30	79.25†	-0.46	1.37
-do- Acc	78.98	84.24	-0.49	1.37
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	48.45	51.60	-0.02	3.72
Equity Strategy	66.18	70.48	+0.21	1.04
European Opps	77.35	82.38	-0.06	3.22
Maximum Inc	97.85	100.37	+0.01	5.36
UK Smaller Cos	56.06	59.70	+0.32	2.33
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	357.50	381.70	-0.50	2.69
American	253.50	269.10	-4.80	0.75
Pacific	367.40	392.90	-8.80	0.49
European	474.00	507.00	-4.10	1.07
Worldwide	84.98	90.89	-0.80	0.94
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT				
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	313.60	333.70	-0.90	2.72
UK Sm Cos Eqty	214.80	228.60	-0.50	1.57
European	354.10	376.80	-1.60	1.56
North American	263.00	279.80	-2.60	0.58
Income Plus Inc	72.07	76.68	-0.48	3.54
UK Spec Sits	71.00	75.54	-0.10	2.51
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	26.73	28.61	-0.10	2.69
Intl Growth Acc	31.40	33.61	-0.35	0.98
Market Ldrs Acc	27.01	28.91	-0.16	2.79
FOR SGTR TRUSTS SEE HENDERSON				
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6220				
European	1107.50	...	...	...
Global Bond	1105.30	...	...	7.50
Japan Samurai	1109.30	...	...	...
UK Growth	1101.80	...	...	3.86
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	46.94	49.93	...	1.46
Equity Gth Acc	64.65	68.70	-0.20	1.04
UK Eq General	43.92	46.67	+0.10	2.06
-do- Acc	58.01	61.64	+0.10	2.06
European Acc	44.77	47.57	-0.10	0.91
Far East Acc	62.57	66.49	...	0.10
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	33.11	35.02	...	5.85
N American Acc	44.00	46.75	-0.40	0.85
Ors Lgr Cos Acc	304.00	329.90	-1.80	1.33
UK Eq High Inc	38.31	40.71	-0.10	3.43
-do- Acc	45.49	48.34	-0.20	3.43
UK Lgr Cos Inc	304.70	330.70	-0.20	3.56
UK Lgr Cos Acc	396.80	430.60	-0.30	3.56
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	NZ$3.71	NZ$3.94	..	1.21
US Eq	$2.178	$2.312	..	1.15
Far East Eq	Y245.4	Y262.2	..	...
Japan Eq	Y251.5	Y267.2	..	...
FT Europe	117.40	124.60	...	2.09
FT North Am	$1.719	$1.823	...	1.31
FT Japan	Y250.7	Y266.3	..	..
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.985	$2.108	..	1.45
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	351.60	374.90	-3.70	0.32
British	994.60	1052.3	-3.90	3.86
European	406.60	432.30	-4.10	1.33
Japan	163.50	173.60	-3.50	..
New Pacific	319.10	339.80	-4.50	0.96
Mngd Cash	95.84	95.84†	...	5.17
Majority Stle	100.02	101.02†	+0.01	4.84
Inv Tst	207.90	220.40	+0.50	1.62
Saints PPP	381.60	401.70	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE				
Admin. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	762.40	815.40	-1.80	2.82
N America Acc	120.50	128.90	-1.50	0.24
Far East Acc	135.30	144.70	-2.60	0.44
W wide Bond	63.04	66.92	-0.83	5.37
European	88.99	95.18	-0.99	0.52
Equity Income	88.71	94.88	-0.30	3.72
SUN LIFE OF CANADA				
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 844414				
American Gth	34.85	37.28	-0.27	0.48
Managed Assets	124.76	133.44†	+1.00	2.98
UK Income	38.85	41.56	+0.25	2.92
UK Growth	38.01	40.66	+0.20	2.12
Worldwide Gth	33.62	35.96†	+0.36	0.45
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	215.59	229.35†	-2.46	0.05
-do- Acc	237.44	252.60†	-2.71	0.05
British Gth	90.35	96.12	-0.16	1.85
-do- Acc	106.30	113.09	-0.19	1.85
European	103.40	110.00†	-0.03	0.89
-do- Acc	109.89	116.91†	-0.03	0.89
Extra Inc	196.03	208.54†	+0.09	3.98
-do- Acc	320.07	340.50†	+0.14	3.98
General Unit	278.67	296.46†	-0.63	2.32
-do- Acc	556.67	592.23†	-1.14	2.32
Income	343.05	364.95	+0.22	3.45
-do- Acc	712.91	758.41	+0.46	3.45
International	510.72	543.32	-7.34	0.26
-do- Acc	668.58	711.26	-9.61	0.26
Pacific	370.21	393.84	-9.60	..
-do- Acc	388.89	413.71	-10.08	...
Premier Income	52.82	56.06†	...	6.70
-do- Acc	113.77	118.51†	-0.02	6.70
Nat Resources	144.02	153.21	-0.76	...
-do- Acc	158.05	168.14	-0.83	...
Selected Opps	103.44	110.04	-0.14	1.18
-do- Acc	129.49	137.76	-0.18	1.18
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Swan House, 33 Queen St, London EC4R 1AX 071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3001				
Amer Sml Cos	75.20	80.21	-2.14	..
-do- Acc	77.57	82.74	-2.19	...
European Opps	64.56	68.48	-0.75	0.43
-do- Acc	65.23	69.19	-0.76	0.43
Japan	98.98	105.57	-2.43	...
-do- Acc	98.98	105.57	-2.43	...
Little Dragons	79.81	85.13	-0.78	0.58
-do- Acc	82.17	87.64	-0.79	0.58
Oriental Income	47.34	50.49	-0.79	3.15
-do- Acc	60.35	64.37	-1.01	3.15
Tiger	224.96	239.95	-2.09	1.10
-do- Acc	236.34	252.09	-2.20	1.10
UK Small Cos	85.38	91.31	+0.16	1.74
-do- Acc	99.62	106.54	+0.19	1.74
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	20.10	21.38	-0.44	0.50
Pacific Basin	34.60	36.80	-0.56	0.80
Canadian Gth	34.91	37.13	-0.87	..
Global Bond	$0.977	$1.018	+0.010	7.03
Penny Share	25.56	27.19	...	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	53.16	53.16	...	5.04
Gilt Growth	72.58	75.58	...	..
Gilt Income	54.75	56.97	...	7.25
Short Dtd Gilt	111.30	112.80	...	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.718	$0.728	...	...
Challenger	100.80	103.10	...	..
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	71.68	76.25	+0.25	1.80

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	5,400	Cadbury	1,000	MB Cardn	1,200	Scot Power	3,200
Abbey Natl	3,000	Carlton C	719	Marks Spr	3,100	Sears	4,800
Alld-Lyons	807	Coats Vyla	815	NFC	422	Svrn Trent	3,100
Anglian W	2,600	Cm Union	1,500	NatWst Bk	8,400	Shell Trans	2,000
Argyll Gp	2,600	Courtaulds	1,400	Nat Power	2,500	Siebe	272
Arjo Wiggn	201	De La Rue	912	Nth Wst W	1,800	SmKl Bch	3,100
AB Foods	105	Enterpr Oil	918	Nthrn Fds	1,600	Smith Nph	3,700
BAA	1,100	Forte	1,000	P & O	1,800	Std Chartd	1,500
BAT Inds	4,800	GRE	2,100	Pearson	937	Sun Allnce	623
BOC	1,800	GUS A	605	PowerGen	748	TI Gp	939
BP	4,900	Gen Acc	944	Prudential	4,600	TSB	2,000
BT	6,600	Gen Elec	1,800	RMC	79	Tate & Lyle	1,000
BTR	2,700	Glaxo	11,000	RTZ	708	Tesco	5,700
Bk of Scot	1,100	Granada	1,700	Rank Org	756	Thames W	2,400
Barclays	2,300	Grand Met	3,500	Reckitt Col	782	Thrn EMI	630
Bass	1,000	Guinness	3,600	Redland	725	Tomkins	614
Blue Circle	3,000	HSBC	2,500	Reed Intl	1,200	Unilever	2,300
Boots	1,900	Hanson	9,200	Rentokil	1,100	Utd Bisc	2,500
Bowater	440	ICI	1,300	Reuters	817	Vodafone	10,000
Brit Aero	1,000	Inchcape	1,300	Rothmans	2,000	Warburg (SG)	769
Brit Airwys	679	Kingfisher	748	Ryl Ins	1,400	Wellcome	3,200
Brit Gas	38,000	Ladbroke	1,400	Ryl Bk Scot	1,800	Whitbd 'A'	1,500
Brit Steel	5,000	Land Secs	2,200	Sainsbury	3,000	Wlms Hld	891
Burmah C	16	Legal & Gn	978	Scot Hydro	1,800	Wolseley	587
Cable Wire	1,400	Lloyds Bk	2,100	Scot & New	357	Zeneca	1,800

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3581.39 (+2.24)
S&P Composite .... 452.55 (-0.17)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 20841.98 (-59.51)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 7528.79 (+39.30)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 126.7 (-1.2)

Sydney: AO .... 1885.1 (+14.4)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 1910.17 (-2.02)

FT 30 share: .... 2366.2 (+18.6)

Brussels:
General .... 6908.06 (+1.20)

Paris: CAC .... 584.61 (-0.79)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 577.90 (-2.10)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1503.20 (+6.85)
FT 500 .... 1617.67 (+8.36)
FT Gold Mines .... 198.0 (-0.3)
FT Fixed Interest .... 124.24 (+0.43)
FT Govt Secs .... 102.31 (+0.21)
Bargains 32735
SEAQ Volume 638.5m
USM (Datastrm) .... 140.11 (+0.60)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
August 9	August 20	November 11	November 22

Call options were taken out on 17/8/93: Amnex, Aran Energy, Cons Murchison, Dobson Park, JF Japan Wts, Medeva, Pacer Systems, Psion, Seafield, Shoprite, Tadpole, Tomorrows Leisure.
Put: UK Land. **Put & Call:** Simon Engineering.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Sep 93	3019.0	3038.0	3006.0	3031.0	8337
Previous open interest: 55203	Dec 93	3032.5	3055.5	3032.5	3052.5	133
Three Month Sterling	Sep 93	94.26	94.26	94.21	94.24	12827
Previous open interest: 379096	Dec 93	94.71	94.73	94.67	94.72	7303
	Mar 94	94.74	94.81	94.72	94.80	4063
Three Mth Eurodollar	Sep 93	96.71	96.71	96.71	96.71	2
Previous open interest: 13733	Dec 93	96.39	96.40	96.38	96.38	50
Three Mth Euro DM	Sep 93	93.49	93.54	93.48	93.53	13769
Previous open interest: 684419	Dec 93	94.06	94.07	94.02	94.06	25418
Long Gilt	Sep 93	112-31	113-24	112-25	113-21	46046
Previous open interest: 96363	Dec 93	112-10	113-02	112-06	113-02	2644
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 93	111.54	111.56	111.40	111.46	364
	Dec 93	110.91	110.91	110.70	110.82	1696
German Gov Bd Bund	Sep 93	97.15	97.37	97.07	97.35	74004
Previous open interest: 205785	Dec 93	97.32	97.49	97.22	97.48	1306
German Gov Bd Bobl	Sep 93	100.30	100.45	100.24	100.44	4172
Previous open interest: 17307	Dec 93	100.43	100.46	100.43	100.60	192
Three month ECU	Sep 93	92.80	92.91	92.70	92.90	1742
Previous open interest: 32738	Dec 93	93.85	93.92	93.77	93.91	885
Euro Swiss Franc	Sep 93	95.36	95.42	95.35	95.40	3548
Previous open interest: 52188	Dec 93	95.69	95.76	95.69	95.76	1170
Italian Govmt Bond	Sep 93	111.80	112.28	111.55	112.11	17449
Previous open interest: 64189	Dec 93	111.20	111.84	111.30	111.74	797

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 81.0 *(day's range 80.6-81.1).*

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Aug 17	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8307-2.8503	2.8325-2.8360	⅛-⅜ds	⅜-⅝ds
Brussels	53.14-53.92	53.14-53.33	20-28ds	43-59ds
Copenhagen	10.3230-10.4130	10.3230-10.3610	5½-8¾ds	13-15⅞ds
Dublin	1.0745-1.0775	1.0748-1.0772	9-15ds	25-36ds
Frankfurt	2.5116-2.5251	2.5181-2.5214	⅛-¼ds	⅜-⅝ds
Lisbon	257.46-259.69	257.46-258.38	123-140ds	338-373ds
Madrid	207.81-209.30	207.81-208.25	92-102ds	245-295ds
Milan	2379.10-2399.50	2379.10-2383.80	7-9ds	20-23ds
Montreal	1.9514-1.9651	1.9531-1.9552	0.31-0.20pr	0.51-0.34pr
New York	1.4865-1.4950	1.4865-1.4875	0.38-0.36pr	1.00-0.97pr
Oslo	10.9100-11.0040	10.9100-10.9480	⅛-¾ds	¾-½pr
Paris	8.8700-8.9370	8.8700-8.8930	2¾-3¼ds	4⅞-6¼ds
Stockholm	11.9240-12.0230	11.9240-11.9630	1¾-3⅛ds	4½-5⅞ds
Tokyo	150.65-151.67	150.65-150.91	½-⅜pr	1⅛-1pr
Vienna	17.65-17.78	17.65-17.69	⅝-3¼ds	1½-6⅛ds
Zurich	2.2300-2.2417	2.2386-2.2417	¼-⅛pr	¾-½pr

Source: Extel — *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4915-1.4941
Australia dollar	2.2214-2.2245
Bahrain dinar	0.5545-0.5665
Brazil cruzeiro *	122.38-123.67
Cyprus pound	0.755-0.765
Finland marka	8.6045-8.7205
Greece drachma	348.5-355.5
Hong Kong dollar	11.5889-11.5982
India rupee	46.32-47.28
Kuwait dinar KD	0.442-0.452
Malaysia ringgit	3.8135-3.8176
Mexico peso	4.54-4.64
New Zealand dollar	2.6975-2.7018
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.512-5.638
Singapore dollar	2.4040-2.4071
S Africa rand (fin)	6.9252-6.9747
S Africa rand (com)	4.9908-5.0025
U A E dirham	5.399-5.522

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4847-1.4858
Austria	11.88-11.89
Belgium (Com)	35.78-35.79
Canada	1.3143-1.3148
Denmark	6.9478-6.9578
France	5.9650-5.9700
Germany	1.6877-1.6882
Hong Kong	7.7518-7.7528
Ireland	1.3840-1.3860
Italy	1599.5-1600.5
Japan	101.95-102.00
Malaysia	2.5500-2.5510
Netherlands	1.9000-1.9010
Norway	7.3477-7.3497
Portugal	173.07-173.27
Singapore	1.6075-1.6085
Spain	139.8-140.0
Sweden	8.0250-8.0350
Switzerland	1.4962-1.4972

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼ Low 5¼ Week fixed: 5 15/16
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅝ ; 3 mth 5⅝ . Sell: 2 mth 5 9/16 ; 3 mth 5 9/16 .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5 11/16-5⅝	5¾-5 11/16	5 23/32-5 11/16	5 11/16-5 21/32	
Sterling Money Rates:					
Interbank:	5 15/16-5 13/16	6-5⅞	5 15/16-5 13/16	5 13/16-5¾	5¾-5⅝
	5 15/16-5 13/16	6-5⅞	5 15/16-5 13/16	5 13/16-5¾	5⅝-5½
Overnight: open 5¾, close 6¼ .					
Local Authority Deps:	5⅞	n/a	5 13/16	5 11/16	5⅝
Sterling CDs:	5⅞-5 13/16	5 13/16-5¾	5 13/16-5 13/16	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5½
Dollar CDs:	3.06-3.03	n/a	3.13-3.09	3.31-3.28	3.52-3.49
Building Society CDs:	5 15/16-5 13/16	5¾-5 11/16	5 11/16-5⅝	5⅝-5 9/16	5½-5 7/16

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: July 30, 1993. Agreed rates Aug 25, 1993 to Sept 25, 1993. Scheme III: 7.26%. Reference rate July 1, 1993 to July 30, 1993. Scheme IV & V: 6.109%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3	3⅛-3	3¼-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	6⅝-6½	6 11/16-6½	6½-6⅜	6 3/16-6 1/16	7-6
French Franc:	10-9½	9¼-9	9½-9⅛	7⅛-7	10-9
Swiss Franc:	5⅛-5	4 13/16-4⅝	4 9/16-4 7/16	4⅝-4½	5-4
Yen:	2 9/16-2⅜	2 9/16-2⅜	2⅝-2½	2⅝-2½	3½-2½

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $372.70-373.20 **Close:** $372.20-373.00 **High:** $373.35-373.85
Low: $370.60-371.10 **Krugerrand:** $371.00-374.00 (£248.00-250.00)
Sovereigns: Old $86.00-88.50 (£56.00-58.75) **New** $86.00-88.50 (£56.00-58.75)
Platinum: $387.25 (£259.65) **Silver:** $4.74 (£3.17) **Palladium:** $138.25 (£92.70)

LIFFE OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Alld Lyon	550	46	55	64½	7½	18	22
(*585½)	600	16½	27	38	29½	42½	47½
Argyll	300	35½	41	47	4½	10½	13½
(*329½)	330	16	23½	30½	15½	23½	26½
ASDA	60	-	9	11	-	5½	7
(*63)	70	-	5	6½	-	12	13
Boots	460	29	37	47	12½	19	25
(*475)	500	9	18	28	33½	39	40½
Br Airways	345	21½	31½	-	14½	23½	-
(*349½)	360	14½	24	32	22½	31½	35½
BP	300	14	20½	25	11½	16½	19½
(*301)	330	3	8½	13	32½	35½	37½
Br Steel	110	13	17	22	5	8½	10½
(*117)	120	8	12½	17	9½	13½	16
C & W	800	57	72	88½	15½	27	33
(*836)	850	27	45½	62	37	49½	56½
CU	600	-	52	58	-	17	28
(*626)	650	-	26	31	-	44	55
ICI	657	47	62½	-	14	22½	-
(*667)	661	31½	48½	-	24	33	-
Kingfisher	650	34	53	66	19½	27½	33
(*669)	700	11½	27½	39½	48	55	59½
Land Sec	650	42	53½	66	10½	21	27
(*674)	700	13	26	41	35	45½	52
M & S	360	22½	29½	37	6½	15	17
(*369)	390	7	15	22½	24½	30½	32
Nat West	460	33	45	50	9	15½	24
(*480)	500	12½	24	29	30	35½	45
Sainsbury	460	43	54	64	7	14½	18½
(*492½)	500	19	30½	42	27½	32	36½
Shell	650	21	37	42	18	25½	36½
(*660½)	700	5	16	21	54	57½	67
SmKl Bch	420	34	45	54	12	22	26
(*446)	460	15	26½	35½	33½	43½	47
Storehse	220	13½	19½	24	8½	14	16½
(*222)	240	5½	11	15	22	26	28½
Trafalgar	101	11½	-	-	5	-	-
(*107½)	110	6½	10	13	9½	14	15
Unilever	1000	50	66	78	22	33	46½
(*1029)	1050	26	43	57	49½	61	73½
Zeneca	650	27½	44½	51	24½	33	47
(*662)	700	8½	22½	29	58½	65	78
	Series	Oct	Feb	May	Oct	Feb	May
Grnd Met	420	37	47	53	7	17	21
(*451)	460	14	25	32½	25	37	41
Ladbroke	200	15	22	24	11½	16½	23
(*207)	220	5½	13½	15½	24½	29	35
Utd Bisc	360	35½	46½	40	9	17½	24½
(*388½)	390	17	30	33	23	31½	39½

August 17, 1993 Tot: 33677 Calls: 22177 Puts: 11500 FT-SE Calls: 3474 Puts: 7219
*Underlying security price.

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Nov	Jan	Apr	Nov	Jan	Apr
BAA	750	54	59	73½	15½	23	28
(*780)	800	26½	33½	47	39	47½	52½
Thames W	500	42	45½	54	7½	11½	14½
(*532)	550	12½	18	26½	32½	36	39
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAT Ind	450	41½	52½	-	9	14½	-
(*474)	475	24½	36½	-	19	25	-
BTR	390	18½	28	31	14	17½	23
(*397½)	420	6½	14	17½	34	36½	40½
Br Aero	420	61	77	85	20	32	40½
(*455)	460	39½	57	66½	39	51½	61
Br Telcm	420	23½	29	35½	12	19½	21½
(*429)	460	7½	13	18	37½	43½	45
Cadbury	460	30	42½	46	14½	21	28½
(*472)	500	12	23½	27	37½	43	51
Guinness	460	34	47	55	13	21	28
(*484½)	500	15	26	34	35	42	50
GEC	330	25	30½	36	7	11½	14
(*344)	360	9½	16	21	23	27	29
Hanson	240	18	22	23½	6½	10½	12½
(*252½)	260	8	12½	14	16½	21	24
LASMO	130	14	18½	21	9½	12½	15
(*134½)	140	9½	14½	17	15½	18	20
Lucas	140	21½	25½	28	5½	8½	11
(*155½)	160	8½	13	16	14½	17	19½
Pilkingtn	140	15	19	22	5½	9½	12
(*149½)	160	7	9	12½	16½	21½	23½
Prudential	300	28	34½	37	7	9	15
(*323)	330	11	17½	21	22	24	30
Redland	500	70	80½	87½	8½	14	25½
(*563½)	550	37	50	57½	20½	33½	40½
Royal Ins	317	26	34	-	11½	15½	-
(*331)	346	12	20½	-	28	31½	-
Tesco	220	20	28	33½	8	14	17½
(*231½)	240	10½	19	23½	18½	25	28
Vodafone	500	48½	60½	69½	14	23	27
(*530)	550	21½	34½	43½	38	47	51½
Williams	330	22	30	34	15	19	25
(*339½)	360	8	16½	21	33½	36½	42

FT-SE INDEX (*3023½)

	2900	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150
Calls						
Aug	117	70	30	4	1½	1½
Sep	136	100	58	33	14	8½
Oct	153	115	86	55	35	21
Nov	173	135	104	76	55	38
Dec	189	-	125	-	74	-
Puts						
Aug	1	2	7	32	91	132
Sep	9½	17	33	54	94	131
Oct	21	34	49	70	104	137
Nov	33	47	67	91	115	154
Dec	47	-	83	-	135	-

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Abby Nat	390	16	30	37½	6	14½	22½
(*400½)	420	3½	15½	22½	25	31	38
Amstrad	30	5	7	8½	1½	2½	3½
(*34)	35	2½	4½	5½	3	5	5½
Barclays	460	24	41½	49½	6	15½	23
(*476½)	500	5	22½	29	28	36½	44½
Blue Circ	250	8½	17½	25½	11	22	27½
(*277)	300	2	10½	17½	26½	36	40½
Br Gas	300	29½	33½	37	1½	6½	9
(*328)	330	7	13½	20	9	20	22½
Dixons	220	11	21	27½	8½	15½	20
(*221½)	240	3½	13	19½	22	27½	32
Forte	220	17	24½	31	7½	10½	14½
(*232½)	240	5½	13	21	12½	21	24
Hillsdwn	160	7½	13	19	6½	13½	16
(*160½)	180	2	6½	11½	22	26½	29½
Lonrho	120	9½	16	20	3½	7½	11
(*126½)	130	4½	12	15	8	13	16
Sears	110	3½	7	10	4½	7½	8½
(*109)	120	1½	3½	5½	12½	14	15
Thrn Emi	900	46	73½	95½	6½	20½	31
(*937)	950	12	43½	56½	27½	42½	54½
Tomkins	220	13½	23	28	4	9½	13½
(*229)	240	4	13½	18	15	21	24½
TSB	200	11	19	25½	4½	9½	13½
(*207)	220	3	10	14	16½	21	25
Wellcome	600	73	91½	103	3½	18	26
(*676½)	650	33½	57½	72	14½	37½	47
	Series	Sep	Dec	Apr	Sep	Dec	Apr
Glaxo	500	54½	64½	78	3½	20½	33
(*556½)	550	20	37	53	21	45	58
HSBC	750	31½	58½	80½	16	35½	55½
(*771½)	800	10½	36	56½	49	64	82½
Reuter	1500	61	114	50½	23½	61	93
(*1548½)	1550	29	88	123	49½	85	105
	Series	Sep	Dec	Feb	Sep	Dec	Feb
R-Royce	140	20½	26	29½	1	6	8
(*161½)	160	7½	14½	19½	7	15	17½
	Series	Oct	Dec	Mar	Oct	Dec	Mar
Fisons	160	23½	26½	29½	4½	8½	12
(*176)	180	9	15	19	13½	18½	22
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Eastrn Elc	500	43½	51½	57½	8½	16	19
(*528½)	550	16	24½	32½	33	40	43
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Natl Pwr	330	29½	40½	44½	2	7	12
(*358)	360	8	22	27	12	19½	24
Sctt Pwr	330	23	32½	36½	1½	6	10
(*350)	350	5	20	-	7½	14	-

COMMODITIES

COMMODITY REPORT: Coffee ended higher but below day's highs. News that producers have formally adopted a plan to withold 20% of their exports had been expected but *was nevertheless supportive. Cocoa closed lower depressed* primarily by another failed attempt to breach key resistance in New York. Sugar edged higher but overall the market was still range-bound.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Sep	756-755	Dec	842-838
Dec	779-778	Mar	851-848
Mar	799-798	May	862-858
May	808-807	Jul	884-870
Jul	518-516		
Sep	829-825	Volume: 5560	

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	1205-1202	May	1130-1125
Nov	1175-1173	Jul	1135-1115
Jan	1149-1147	Sep	1135-1115
Mar	1135-1130	Volume: 5178	

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	unq
Spot: unq		Mar	...
May	unq	May	...
Aug	...	Aug	...
Oct	...	Volume: 0	

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	259.5-59.0
Spot: 284.8		Aug	264.7-64.0
Oct	257.5-57.0	Oct	256.2-55.0
Dec	256.0-55.0	Dec	258.2-55.0
Mar	257.5-56.8	Volume: 600	

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on August 17

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	73.07	86.39	130.46
(+/-)	-0.99	-5.24	-0.09
Eng/Wales	72.50	86.54	129.18
(+/-)	-0.68	-5.58	+0.13
(%)	-6.0	-29.4	-7.3
Scotland	75.12	85.90	133.67
(+/-)	-1.57	-3.99	-0.76
(%)	-22.7	-20.8	-3.8

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	-	May	unq	..
Sep	unq	-	Volume: 0		

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)
Sep 104.75
Nov 106.45
Jan 108.45
Mar 110.60
May 112.50
Volume: 348

BARLEY (close £/t)
Sep 100.05
Nov 103.15
Jan 105.40
Mar 107.40
May 108.40
Volume: 137

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)
Aug unq
Oct ..
Dec ..
Feb ..
Apr ..
Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	65.0
Apr	77.0	76.0
May	89.0	89.0
Volume: 166		

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Sep 60.75-61.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Crude oil prices were marginally firmer in anticipation of the US stock figures. Products were dull.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.85	+0.10
Brent 15 day (Sep)	16.95	+0.05
Brent 15 day (Oct)	17.15	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	17.95	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	18.40	+0.10

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	Bid: 193 (-1)	Offer: 195 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	160 (n/c)	162 (n/c)
Non EEC IH Sep	163 (n/c)	164 (n/c)
Non EEC IH Oct	166 (n/c)	167 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	60 (n/c)	61 (n/c)
Naphtha	161 (+1)	162 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Sep	161.75 SLR	Dec	168.50-68.75
Oct	164.25-64.50	Jan	170.00-70.25
Nov	166.25-66.50	Feb	169.25-69.75
		Vol: 9081	

BRENT (6.00pm)

Oct	17.14-17.15	Jan	17.60-17.64
Nov	17.32-17.34	Feb	17.72 SLR
Dec	17.51 SLR	Vol: 20499	

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Sep	184.00-86.50	Dec	n/a
Oct	n/a	Jan	n/a
Nov	n/a	Vol: 52	

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Aug 93	unq	unq	1433
Sep 93	1500	1480	1483
Oct 93	1530	1500	1500
Nov 93	1525	1515	1515

Vol: 197 lots. Open int'st: 3412 Index 1395 +29

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1943.0-1944.0	1911.0-1912.0	217500
Lead ($/tonne)	386.50-387.00	400.00-401.00	141425
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	865.00-865.50	879.50-880.00	599750
Tin ($/tonne)	4805.0-4810.0	4855.0-4860.0	13275
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1164.0-1164.5	1188.0-1188.5	271050
Nickel ($/tonne)	4660.0-4662.0	4715.0-4720.0	68052

Shares enjoy late support

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began August 16. Dealings end September 3. §Contango day September 6. Settlement day September 13. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
425	345	Abbey Ntl	401↑	+1	11.5	3.6	15.5
284	179	Allied Irish	270↑	-1	...	3.8	15.0
194	130	Ass New Z	193	-1	...	4.7	...
3809½	2712½	Bankamerica	3075↑	-109½	...	...	...
251	177	Bk of Ireland	247	...	...	5.0	19.9
350	325	Bk Leumi UK	350	...	...	...	...
176	116½	Bank Scotland	171½	...	17.0	6.1	...
510	362	Barclays	477↑	+2½	4.5	3.3	34.2
4½	2	Benchmark	...	-3	...	...	...
21	15½	Carlisle	1½	...	...	...	...
558	395	Cater Allen	558	...	...	...	...
138½	85	Cattles	138½	+1	27.0	6.0	...
2450	1787½	Chase Manh	2312½	-71½	...	3.8	18.4
2343½	1343½	Citicorp	2193½	-50	...	...	...
415	250	Close Bros	407	-2	...	2.9	18.1
£130½	9275	Commerzbk	£128½	-212½	...	3.1	...
£310½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£307	-307½	...	1.9	...
95	45	First Nat Fin	92↑	...	...	0.7	...
1651	876	Fuji Bank Y	1634	...	...	0.3	...
488	343	Gerrard Nat	488	-12	...	...	...
773	490	HSBC	772	+2	21.5	5.5	13.0
752	474	HSBC HK	740	+6	19.0	3.1	18.5
389	243	Hambros	375	+5	19.0	3.2	17.9
363	313	Joseph (L)	363	-2	14.0	4.7	17.3
155	96	King Shaxson	154	...	16.6	5.7	...
502	312	Kleinwort Ben	493↑	...	9.0	7.3	...
591	492	Lloyds	545	+4	16.0	4.1	17.1
88	63	Lon Scot Bk	86	-5	18.4	4.2	15.6
515	322	Nat Aust Bk	515	...	3.0	4.4	17.0
512	398	Nat West	480↑	+6	...	3.9	17.9
435	270	Provident	435	+10	17.5	4.6	29.2
48	39	Rea Bros	47	+11	11.4	3.3	18.8
305	207	Ryl Bk Scot	291	-1	0.5	1.3	50.0
1193	467½	Schroders	1178	-3	8.8	1.8	...
986	576	Stand Chart	983↑	+3	...	1.2	23.5
218	145½	TSB	207↑	+25	20.0	2.5	...
190	78	Union Disc	190	+2	6.4	3.9	...
810	529	Warburg SG	784	-1	...	...	...
282	185	-do- 6% 'A'	280	...	...	3.0	19.8
7850	4943½	Wells Fargo	7681½	-1	...	2.7	...
185	121	Westpac	183	-168½	...	1.4	...
280	188	Wintrust	280↑	-1	9.3	4.1	25.0

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	517	Allied-Lyons	596	-3	...	4.5	15.8
647	441	Bass	486	...	18.9	4.9	10.6
299	189	Boddington	274	-1	7.3	3.3	16.0
437	312	Bulmer (HP)	436	...	...	2.9	19.0
159	139	Burtonwood Brw	153	...	4.7	3.9	12.8
387	261	Devenish (JA)	387	...	7.8	2.5	21.8
116	75	ELridge P 'A'♠	116	...	...	3.5	30.7
64½	50	Fooers Brewing	54	...	...	5.0	7.5
405	338	Fullr Sm 'A'♠	400	...	7.4	2.3	17.1
480	383	Grand Met	451	-2	12.3	3.4	14.9
427	347	Greenalls Grp	368	-1	11.7	4.0	12.2
572	505	Greene King	570	...	...	2.7	16.1
516	437	Guinness	495	+14	...	3.1	17.3
281	230	Hardy Hansn	246	+1	7.9	4.0	13.7
125	105	Heavitree♠	115	...	3.0	3.3	27.4
362	295	Highland Dist	322	+1	6.0	2.1	23.4
3138	2536	Holt J	2938	...	41.0	1.7	19.1
58	33	Hoskins Brew	56#	...	...	...	40.3
323	250	Invergordn Dist	297	...	...	2.9	17.0
186	155	Macallan-Glen	155	...	0.9	0.7	34.8
465	375	Macdn Martn 'A'	378	...	...	2.9	18.0
214	164	Mansfield	196	...	...	2.4	14.2
299	231	Mrston Thmp	294	-3	...	2.3	17.8
440	329½	Matthew Clark	435↑	...	...	4.8	...
300	253	Mrrydwn W	284↑	...	7.0	3.1	...
545	455	Morland	520	...	8.4	2.0	20.7
12	6½	Paramount♠	9½	...	...	2.1	16.8
172	145	Regent Inns	172	...	...	3.3	17.2
975	753	SA Breweries	893	...	...	3.1	14.8
482½	408	Scot & New	453	+3	...	4.6	14.1
225	181	Taunton Cider	203	...	6.0	3.7	16.6
248	213	Vaux Group	236	-2	9.3	5.0	16.3
301	225	Wetherspoon JD	291	+9	...	2.1	23.5
533	435	Whitbread 'A'	508	+9	...	4.4	13.7
1180	850	-do- 'B'	1158	...	...	1.9	29.1
613	485	Wolvrhmptn D	513	-1	11.4	2.8	14.4
515	475	Young 'A'	478	...	14.5	3.8	19.8

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
115	73	Abbey	115	...	...	8.9	∞
27	13	Albrighton♠	20	...	...	...	...
123	87	Allen♠	113	-1	...	5.5	25.6
107	65	Amec	94	-6	3.0	4.0	17.4
12	4	Anglia Sec	9	...	...	...	...
250	155	Ashtead♠	248↑	...	4.5	2.3	∞
142	101	Atwoods	115	-1	5.0	5.4	16.6
251	180	BPB Ind	248	-3	...	3.8	42.7
89	57	Baggeridge Brk	73	...	3.1	5.4	24.5
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	25½	...	0.5	...	...
106	74	Barcom	106	...	1.2	1.5	19.2
56½	32½	Barton	50	+1	2.0	5.0	24.6
161	94	Barratt Devs	159	+2	2.0	1.6	17.7
422	305	Bellway	421	...	...	3.6	24.4
33	15	Bellwinch	31	...	...	...	...
439	295½	Berkeley Gp	438	...	...	1.7	27.5
116	45	Ben Bros	115	+11	...	0.5	4.7
63	36	Blockleys	54	...	1.0	2.3	59.7
285	189	Blue Circle	275	-4	...	5.1	...
285	230	Boot (Henry)	276	...	5.9	2.7	15.4
106	78	Breedon PLC	95	...	4.6	6.1	23.0
121	82	Br Dredging	118	...	5.2	5.5	26.2
83	45	Brit Fittings	68	...	1.5	2.8	...
151	99	Bryant	145	-2	4.8	4.1	31.0
81	53	CALA	76	...	2.3	...	...
286	205	CRH	283	...	...	3.0	19.6
43	18	Cakebread Rby	25	...	...	...	...
46	23	Costain	37	...	...	...	...
138	86½	Countryside	131	-2	...	3.9	34.6
73	38	Crest Nicholson	72½	-5	0.0	...	...
96	27	Cussins	96↑	...	...	1.3	...
3½	1½	Dunton♠	3	...	...	...	...
25	15	Edmond Hldgs	18	...	...	0.5	3.5
275	178	Epwin	275	...	...	6.8	3.1	23.1
51	32	Erith	48	+2	0.3	0.9	...
445	252	Eve Groupe♠	433	...	...	2.9	15.6
6½	3½	Explaurza♠	5½	...	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gp♠	129	...	...	4.8	20.5
50	33	Galliford	45	...	4.3	...	18.1
78	52	Gibbs & Dandy	54	...	...	...	...
915	695	Gleeson (MJ)	910	...	12.7	1.8	14.8
132	90	Hewden-Stuart	131	...	...	3.1	29.8
51	28	Hewetson	45↑	...	...	3.5	33.2
311	186	Heywd Wms	309	...	12.5	5.1	...
119	37	Higgs & Hill	118	+1	2.5	2.6	...
35	26	How Gp	29	...	...	6.5	...
20	15	Howard Hldgs	19↑	...	0.5	3.3	...
78	39	Ibstock Johnsen	78↑	+1	1.0	1.6	...
19	12½	Jarvis	19	...	...	...	...
314	196	Laing (J)	314	+1	9.0	3.6	12.6
123	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	123	+½	...	6.5	...
92	55	Ln Clydesdale♠	92	+1	4.5	6.1	34.6
18	10½	Lovell (YJ)	18	+½	...	...	8.2
320	240	Manders	319	+3	9.0	3.5	19.5
168	93	Marley	166	...	4.2	3.2	48.7
97	61	Marshalls	96	...	...	5.2	66.1
175	122	Maunders (J)	165	...	4.9	3.8	15.1
214	96	McAlpine (A)	208	-2	6.5	3.9	36.0
40	23	McCarthy & S	37	...	0.5	...	...
388	272	Meyer Int	370	...	...	3.4	37.1
129	62	Mowlem (J)	119	-3	4.0	4.2	...
122	51	NSM	121	...	...	...	...
55	48	Needler♠	48	...	...	3.7	23.3
171	106	Newman Tnks	162	...	...	4.1	21.2
300	197	Persimmon	289	-3	8.6	3.7	29.5
31	20	Phoenix Timber	24	...	...	...	...
1625	1237½	Pochins	1525	...	29.0	2.4	9.3
146	80	Prowting	140	+2	3.4	3.0	...
6½	2½	Quiligotti♠	2½	...	...	...	...
623	555	RMC Gp	812	-3	...	3.1	31.9
117	75½	Raine Ind	87	...	6.0	8.6	14.5
36	20	Ramus♠	22	...	...	...	...
568	402	Redland	564	+2	25.0	5.5	32.8
79	64	Roskel	76	...	4.3	7.1	11.2
296	207	Rugby Group	280	-1	6.4	2.9	21.4
42	23	Svrild-Rvea	41	...	...	...	...
113	68	Sharpe & Fisher	107	...	...	4.7	18.6
195	86½	Sheffield Insl	195	...	...	3.5	47.9
145	82	Sherif Hldgs♠	143	...	...	1.7	21.3
95	66	Shorco♠	72	...	...	9.0	16.4
228	196	Smart (J)	215	...	8.5	4.9	9.8
6½	2½	Slarmin	4½	+½	0.3	8.3	∞
151	103	Tarmac	142	-3	5.5	4.8	...
194	137	Tay Homes	167	...	5.8	4.4	10.7
139	63	Taylor Woodrw	135	-1	1.0	0.9	...
618	433	Tilbury Dougls	592	+10	33.0	7.0	19.3
39	19	Torex Hire♠	35	...	...	1.4	...
247	168	Travis Perkins	245	-2	8.0	4.1	43.1
40	30	Try Group	33	...	1.0	3.8	9.3
28	26	Tudor♠	26	...	...	1.2	...
74	41	Vibroplant	74	+1	2.5	4.3	26.2
65	30	Ward Hldgs	49	...	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	35	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	435	...	...	3.4	18.8
26	8	Wescol♠	22	...	...	...	...
161	90	Westbury	161	...	5.0	3.9	25.1
12	4½	West Scaffold♠	7½	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9#	...	...	...	...
461	371	Wilson Bowdn	434	-5	8.7	2.5	29.8
235	147	Wilson (C)	188	-3	3.9	2.6	32.6
192	104	Wimpey G	187	...	...	3.5	...
47	25	YRM	36	...	0.5	1.7	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	658	-2	...	...	...
228	198	Adam & Harvey	228	+5	12.0	6.6	4.2
92	56	Air London♠	73	...	...	6.0	9.0
56	37	African Lakes	49	...	2.0	5.1	...
176	125	Auto Sec	156	-1	...	4.2	28.0
138	84	BET Ord	125½	-1½	...	3.2	5.1
97	41	BNB Res	90	...	8.0	6.8	...
318	258	BPP	307↑	...	8.0	3.3	16.9
285	195	Barbour Index	200	...	8.0	5.0	∞
22	15	Boustead	21	...	0.7	4.2	...
265	184	Brit Data Mgt	240	...	...	2.1	20.0
26	11	Broadcastle♠	25	...	...	...	19.9
73	54	Brooks Service	63	+3	...	...	...
104	86	CRT Gp	95	...	2.8	3.8	∞
179	139½	Capita Group	170↑	+5	...	1.5	26.5
45	31	Casket Plc	41↑	...	...	2.4	15.8
55	18½	Chiltern Capital	18½	...	...	...	...
51	26	Christie	40	...	...	...	...
349	228	Chubb Sec	344	...	...	1.7	21.4
96	16	Comac♠	66	+1	...	2.2	21.5
30	6½	Corp Services	26	...	...	...	...
52	20	Coutts Cnslig	44	...	...	...	...
110	50	Darr	110	...	3.3	3.8	14.9
250	198	Davis Service	250	...	...	4.0	18.8
104	85	EW Fact♠	94	...	4.3	5.7	10.8
28	11	Gardiner	27½	-½	0.6	...	18.9
246	215	Hays	243	...	4.6	2.4	23.9
227	174	Hogg Robinsn	227	+1	...	3.6	16.6
70	35	Holmes Protectn	35	...	...	...	2.1
203	127	Hurch Whamp	198	-5	...	2.4	16.9
2062½	975	ISS B DKr	1925	-109½	...	5.5	2.5
637	519	Inchcape	536	+1	...	3.2	18.0
863	669	Johnson Clean	830↑	...	25.7	3.9	18.1
12	2½	Lep	8½	...	...	...	...
270	173	Mitie Gp	270↑	...	3.5	1.6	∞
1197	643	Manpower	1067	...	...	...	...
53	40½	Michael Page	53	...	1.8	4.2	22.5
179	125	Penna♠	175	-4	...	7.1	6.6
4½	2	Prime People♠	2½	...	...	...	...
142	80	Proudfoot Alex	127	...	...	11.8	7.0
423	337	RCO	351	+1	12.8	5.0	11.9
118	100	REA	100	...	4.0	5.0	...
103	43	Reed Executive	99	...	...	...	...
156	110	Reliance Sec♠	115↑	...	...	4.9	∞
238	178	Rentokil	232	...	2.3	1.4	25.2
283	220	Rolfe & Nolan	223	...	...	4.0	12.6
399	334	Salvesen (C)	373	+2	...	2.6	20.5
55	36	Scott Pickford♠	35	+3	...	2.9	11.2
343	164	Securiguard	339	...	...	4.2	18.0
6½	5	Select Appt♠	6	...	...	...	...
1058	695	Serco Gp	1058	...	14.0	1.7	29.3
352	124	Sherwd Cmp♠	144	+4	...	6.1	4.2
150	90	Skechley	97	...	...	3.9	22.2
355	310	Warner Howrd	332	...	6.5	2.4	17.5
45	27	Welpac	34	...	...	...	...
26	14	Wills Gp	23½	-½	...	0.5	32.1

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
245	210	Allied Colloids	245	...	...	2.2	21.6
831	613	Amersham	811	-2	...	2.1	28.1
2	1½	Anglo Utd	2	...	...	...	...
£103½	5725	BASF DM	£102½	-134½	...	3.1	...
297	199	BTP	290	...	...	4.0	20.0
£120	£101½	Bayer DM50	£120	...	...	4.4	...
179	134	Blagden	155↑	+1	9.5	...	16.7
165	93	Brent Chems	123	+2	...	7.5	11.5
530	345	Br Bio-Tech	350	...	...	...	...
16	12	Caird Gp	13½	+½	...	12.5	36.8
151	126	Canning (W)	139	...	7.2	6.6	15.9
625	504	Courtaulds	564	-1	...	3.1	15.0
295	228	Croda	289	...	...	3.4	18.9
140	121	Doeflex	138	...	4.6	4.2	10.6
219	175	Ellis & Everard	212	...	7.0	4.2	∞
35	15½	Euro Colour	33½	...	0.8	3.0	20.5
372	259	Halstead (J)	312	+1	...	2.4	15.6
185	178	Hickson	185	...	...	5.4	17.2
£114½	6850	Hoechst	£110½	-75	...	3.2	...
234	195	Holliday Chem	224	+2	...	2.1	20.5
712	608	ICI	689↑	+9	...	5.0	...
685	576	Laporte	615	-1	19.5	3.8	17.5
222	181	Leigh	222↑	...	...	4.4	21.4
97½	35	MTM	66	+7	...	...	...
1900	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1887½	-9½	...	1.5	26.8
457	370	Paterson Zoch	452	...	11.4	3.1	19.7
410	360	-do- 'A'	410	...	11.4	3.5	17.7
236	224	Plysu	224	-1	...	3.9	14.6
245	173	Porvair	244	...	3.6	1.8	26.1
72	35	Smeeffle Speak	62	...	...	...	...
475	412	Wardle Storeys	460	...	16.0	4.3	18.5
490	395	Wolstnhlm R	490	...	17.0	4.4	16.4
401	330	Yorks Chem	381↑	+1	...	2.5	20.4
306	238	Yule Catto	259	...	5.9	2.8	19.8
664	593	Zeneca	663	+3	...	5.3	38.5

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	65↑	...	...	5.8	...
87	42	Amber Day	70	...	3.1	5.5	19.2
342	257	Argos Plc	324	-4	...	2.7	27.5
25	12	Ashley Group	15½	...	...	...	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	103	-3	0.1	4.5	...
305	278	Asprey	293	...	5.1	0.1	...
134	94	Austin Reed	131	...	...	2.2	20.3
153	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	148	...	...	2.5	...
121	94	Bentalls	104	...	...	5.1	14.0
278	208	Betterware	249	...	1.0	2.3	...
35	22	Blacks Leis	32↑	-1	...	1.0	39.8
227	133	Body Shop	203	+2	2.2	8.8	...
16	11½	Brown & Jackson	16	+2	...	1.1	25.8
408	318	Brown (N)	385	+4	...	0.6	7.9
87½	64½	Burton	84½	+1	...	2.3	22.6
145	126	Cantors	142	...	...	3.0	...
360	295	Church	343	...	...	2.4	18.9
169	97	Clinton Cards	153	...	12.5	4.6	38.5
250	212	Coats Viyella	242	...	4.2	3.5	18.5
112	78	Colourvision♠	93↑	...	...	3.7	28.5
680	374	Courts Furnish	680	...	5.6	7.5	16.7
155	115	Crown Eyes♠	135↑	...	5.5	1.0	8.5
127	60	Dairy Farm Ind	126	...	...	6.5	∞
81	51½	Dewhirst (IJ)	81	-1	...	2.9	18.8
281	180	Dixons Grp	222	+1	1.0	1.5	26.0
413	320	Dunhill	370	-2	...	3.5	...
21	12½	ERA Gp	16	+4	8.1	2.7	14.7
530	400	Etys (Wmbldn)	530	...	...	...	...
161	71	Essex Furn	161	+25	16.0	3.8	17.8
262	203	Etam	262	...	...	2.1	27.3
608	499	Fine Art Dev	595	-1	6.9	3.3	24.0
50	26	Ford Earls Tiler	39	...	12.7	2.7	19.4
543	498	Formdoster	538	...	...	...	...
141	24	French Conn♠	141	...	14.0	3.3	∞
73	43	Gent SR	73	+6	...	...	...
68	23	Goldsmiths Gp	66	...	2.0	3.4	21.4
3638	2400	GUS	3625	...	0.3	0.6	...
2048	1563	-do- 'A'	2020	...	...	1.5	28.4
40	31	Hampden Grp♠	31	+2	...	2.8	15.7
277	30	Harssone	62	...	...	4.0	15.4
25	20	Helene Plc	24½	-2	...	5.6	...
71	29	Heritage♠	72	+1	2.0	10.3	11.6
94	35	Honeysuckle♠	66	...	...	...	...
123	63	Jacques Vert	120↑	-2	...	1.9	9.4
670	496	Kingfisher	669	...	3.0	3.1	∞
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	68↑	...	...	2.6	21.9
665	495	Liberty	580	...	4.0	7.4	14.0
320	241	Lloyds Chem	271	...	7.2	1.6	68.3
152	120	MFI	137	+3	5.5	2.5	10.6
371	311	Marks Spencer	369½	-3	...	3.5	28.3
524	445	Menzies (John)	524	+½	...	2.7	20.3
236	135	Moss Bros	226	+2	...	2.6	14.2
210½	139½	Next	202	...	5.5	3.0	26.5
40	15	Oliver (G)	36	-1	2.5	1.5	24.1
303	197	Oddfame Intl	294↑	-1	...	...	...
63	38½	Pentos	41	...	...	4.1	14.4
313	185	QS Hldgs	210	-2	1.5	4.6	8.5
41½	11	Ratners Group	38½	-2	5.1	3.1	15.0
35	20½	Rhino Grp♠	34½	+½	...	...	...
181	135	Sherwood Gp	152	...	...	...	...
115	93	Sours	109	...	...	2.1	13.7
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	469	-2½	...	4.0	...
15	4½	Specialeyes♠	12	...	13.4	3.6	16.5
227	176	Storehouse	222	-3	...	...	...
191	148	T & S Stores	158	+1	5.9	2.8	28.6
147	71	The Back	147	+2	1.0	4.7	11.8
231	160	Time Products	228	-3	7.5	0.9	34.1
110	63	Usher (Frank)♠	110	+2	...	4.1	19.7
45	27	Vival	34	...	...	5.7	8.7
40	34	Wensum♠	34	...	1.0	3.7	10.5
120	78	Wickes	114	...	...	6.7	...
78	45	Wiki of Leather♠	69	...	...	...	50.6
198	146	Wyevale♠	182	...	...	2.7	24.1
4	2½	Xtra-vision♠	3½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	182	...	...	3.4	18.3
240	223	Acal♠	233	...	...	3.4	16.2
362½	38	Acorn Comp♠	110	...	...	...	55.7
480	385	Admiral	450	+1	5.4	1.5	19.0
151	104	Alba	151	...	...	4.1	18.5
48	19½	Alphameric	44	+2	...	...	...
38½	22	Amstrad	34	...	0.4	...	...
128	66	App Hold♠	70	...	...	...	...
48	13	Arlen	32	-1	...	...	...
69½	39½	Amec	67	-2	...	...	1.0
293	243	Beales Hunter	243↑	-1	9.4	4.8	∞
9	3½	Bennett & Fountn	4½	...	...	...	...
446	319	BICC	417	+20	19.2	5.8	28.3
575	435	Blick	436	...	9.2	2.6	17.0
1700	1100	Borland♠	1175	+25	...	...	...
371	274	Bowthorpe	369	...	6.3	2.2	24.1
445½	376	BT	426↑	-3	...	4.6	20.1
188½	150	BT P/P	183↑	-2½	...	4.4	20.9
11½	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	11½	...	0.1	1.1	...
160	110	Burnfield	147	+2	5.7	4.9	23.3
860	669	Cable Wireless	838	+4	...	2.2	27.0
21½	11½	Chloride	21½	+1	...	...	...
268	229	CML Micro♠	266	...	...	2.2	19.5
115	74	Compur People	95	+4	0.6	0.9	...
164	108½	Cray Elect	146	...	...	1.3	14.7
407	263	Critchley	399	-8	...	1.9	∞
551	414	Delta	537	-3	...	3.3	22.1
342	235	Denmans Ele	342	...	...	2.2	14.6
620	395	Domino	620	+4	7.2	2.0	15.2
65	48	Dowding Mills	59	+½	2.5	5.3	19.4
1085	865	Dracek	1085↑	...	10.0	1.2	∞
464	358	Electrocompnts	460	+3	...	2.1	18.8
580	470	El Data Prc	548	...	5.1	1.2	15.0
126	43	Electron House	110	...	2.6	3.0	23.8
30½	10½	Emess	27	+½	0.1	0.5	...
600	442	Eurotherm	595	...	8.0	1.7	22.1
155	108	FKI	151	-2	...	2.5	22.1
454½	340	Farnell Elect	451	-1	...	1.7	23.9
90	33	Feedback♠	90	...	...	2.1	11.7
18	9½	Ferranti	11½	...	...	...	...
254	101	First Tech	252	...	1.0	0.5	∞
270	81	Forward Gp♠	267	...	...	1.5	24.1
21	16	Forward Tech	18	...	...	...	...
356½	284	GEC	344	-4	10.3	3.7	17.3
196	132	Gaseby	190	-2	...	7.2	40.0
14½	7½	Graystone	14½	+1½	...	...	...
39	36	Hilclare♠	39	...	...	1.7	11.7
169	83	INSTEM♠	150	...	...	2.6	10.8
388	320	Jones Stroud	383↑	...	8.8	3.0	∞
19	8	Kembrey	15½	...	0.1	1.3	...
323	260	Kenwood App	308	+2	...	3.2	17.3
216	47	Kewill Syst♠	193	+1	...	...	...
207	100	Kode	187	...	5.5	3.7	22.2
60	16	Laser-Scan♠	35	...	...	...	...
365	122	LEMS♠	226↑	+1	...	0.4	31.9
300	240	Lec Refrig	273	...	9.0	4.1	...
179	134	Life Sciences	144	-3	3.5	3.1	15.6
269	164	Logica	233	...	3.6	2.0	27.5
54	44	LPA Ind♠	51	...	...	8.6	14.5
212	162	MR Data Mngmt	190	...	4.3	2.8	18.1
683	523	Macro 4	653	...	...	2.4	21.9
635	527	Memrlec-Swa	615↑	...	...	2.2	∞
3013	1805	Micro Focus	1905	+7	...	...	17.5
200	147	Microgen	147	...	7.2	6.2	10.0
34½	23½	Microvitec♠	29	+3	...	...	...
529	357	Mitgs	501	...	7.0	1.7	∞
437	98	Mitel	353	-6	...	...	...
138	108	MMT Comp♠	130	...	...	3.4	16.1
36	16	Molynx	33½	...	1.3	4.9	...
272	202	MTL Inst♠	235	+5	...	1.9	17.7
165	105	Mahtime Elect	110	+2	3.5	4.0	∞
205	116	Murray Enter	205	...	1.8	1.2	...
6412½	5225	NYNEX	6175	...	...	...	...
188	135	Neotronics	135	...	2.6	2.4	17.4
65	42	Newmark (L)	61	...	...	...	...
193	58	Norbain♠	192	...	...	1.0	14.7
75	30	Northumber	59	+1	0.6	1.3	...
15½	9	Oceonics	11½	+½	...	...	...
284	195	Oxford Inst	281↑	...	4.5	2.0	19.3
83	48	P-E Intern'l	62	+2	1.0	2.0	...
81½	29	P & P	70↑	+1	1.4	2.5	37.2
80	55	Peek	73	+1	3.4	5.8	19.1
190	115	Pegasus♠	178	+3	...	4.5	45.7
9000	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9000	...	...	6.4	...
1312½	725	-do- Lmp nv	1250	-25	...	...	...
254	211	Phonelink♠	251	...	...	...	...
555	343	Plfco	555↑	+5	8.2	1.9	∞
535	303	-do- 'A' Voting	535↑	+5	8.2	1.9	∞
96	63	Plasmec♠	78	...	...	6.0	6.6
110	76	Pressac	110	...	2.4	2.7	22.3
135	84	Psion♠	84	-1	...	3.7	22.3
251	160	Racal Elect	237	-3	4.2	2.2	14.1
70	45	Radamec	60	+2	...	3.1	12.8
70	31	Radius♠	40	+1	2.7	...	13.8
92	61	Real Time♠	74↑	...	...	5.1	∞
35	18	Riva♠	32	...	...	...	40.6
629	380	Sage Gp	415	...	9.0	2.7	13.3
342	222	Sanderson Elec	325	...	9.0	3.5	13.9
86	49	Scantronic	86	...	3.1	4.5	21.2
155	117	Scholes Grp	145	...	5.0	4.3	28.5
371	270	Sema Gp	365	...	2.8	1.0	28.6
42	26	Silvermines	39	...	...	3.2	...
50	37	Soundtracks♠	47	...	...	5.9	15.9
2675	1737½	TDK	2587½	-87½	...	1.2	28.8
27	4½	TDS Circuits♠	14	...	...	...	...
155	80	Telemetrix	154	...	0.8	0.6	25.4
976	809	THORN EMI	937	+3	...	4.3	19.1
111	96	Thorpe FW	103	...	2.5	3.0	10.6
103	63	Total Systems♠	64	...	3.0	5.9	11.3
495	372	Tunstall	488	-5	6.0	1.5	19.5
278	164	Unitech	273↑	...	6.1	2.8	∞
11½	6	Verity	6½	...	...	...	...
35	24	Vistec♠	27½	...	...	1.7	15.8
534	367	Vodafone	532	+1	...	1.6	24.1
451	368	Volex	445↑	+1	17.8	5.0	18.3
26	11	Western Selectn	25	...	...	...	...
270	223	Wholesale Figs	270	+4	11.7	5.6	∞

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
524	389	East Midlands	523	+5	...	4.7	9.8
538	399	Eastern Elect	530	...	...	4.5	10.6
372	304	Hydro—Elect	369↑	+2	...	3.9	13.4
542	404	London Elect	531	+1	...	4.6	11.8
587½	458	Manweb	578	+4	...	4.5	8.4
559	424½	Midlands Elec	552	+5	...	4.5	9.9
375	273	National Power	358	+1	...	3.7	10.6
584	440	Northern Elec	578	+4	...	4.6	8.3
155	100	Nthn Ireland	155	+5	...	4.6	9.2
567	439	Norweb	564	+7	20.0	4.4	8.7
401	273	PowerGen	387	+1	...	3.4	10.2
358	285	Scottish Power	350↑	+1	...	4.0	13.0
580	436	Seeboard	577	+3	...	4.3	9.3
615	469	Sth Wales	605	...	...	4.6	10.1
548	426	Sth Western	542	+5	...	4.6	13.0
547	406	Southern Elec	543	+4	...	4.5	10.0
562	455	Yorkshire Elec	556	+4	...	4.6	10.5

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	50	Aitken Hume	54↑	...	1.0	2.3	∞
114	47	BWD♠	114	+1	...	3.5	17.8

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
91	26	Baltic Plc	90	-1	...	1.4	...
527	413	Caledonia	527	...	...	3.6	19.6
1500	1075	Camellia	1450	+21½	...	1.0	5.4
313	243	Candover	313	+3	10.2	4.1	22.2
139	71	Flemech♠	138	...	...	0.5	...
327	155	Govett	324↑	+½	...	4.7	10.1
180	125	Ivory Sime	180	+1	...	4.5	16.9
6½	3	LIT	3½	...	...	...	...
12	11	Lightship	12#	...	...	...	...
227	154	Lon Forfaiting♠	226	+1	8.4	4.8	16.0
67	47	Manakin	62↑	...	5.0	10.1	∞
12½	3½	Nat Home Loan	10	...	...	...	...
52	40	Newmarket	52	...	...	...	...
315	246	Rathbone Brs	315	+6	6.0	2.4	19.1
25	17	Rutland Tst	24½	...	...	1.1	14.5
330	253	S & U	280	...	10.0	4.5	10.4
74	48	Singer & Fried	73½	+½	2.6	4.4	...
975	713	Sotheby's	793	+22	...	5.1	...
155	83	SIP Capital	152	-1	3.0	2.5	62.7
2287½	1487½	Amer Express	2260½	-15½	...	...	...
1025	835	Henderson Ad	1025	+17	...	5.1	23.6
173	92	Invesco	173	+11	...	2.2	...
230	164	Jardine Strat	222	-2	...	3.5	10.2
233	154	MAI	233	+6	6.0	3.2	16.9
665	380	MAM	658	...	15.0	2.8	16.4
900	633	M & G	900	+5	...	3.0	23.9
328	109	Smith New Ct	325	-1½	...	2.3	4.9
81	55	Trio Hldgs	80	...	...	4.7	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	456	AB Food	510	-1	14.0	3.4	11.7
77½	53	ASDA Group	62½	-1½	...	3.2	14.6
298	170	Acatos & Hutch	298	+12	6.5	2.7	17.2
76	55	Albert Fisher	70	-2	3.7	6.7	11.7
407	287	Argyll	329	+4½	...	4.1	12.1
147	117	Assoc Fisheries	130↑	+1	...	7.2	2.0
225	160	Banks (S C)	224	+2	...	5.1	∞
402	310	Barr (AG)	330	...	6.5	2.5	16.7
85	57	Bensons Crsp♠	68↑	...	...	5.2	15.3
141	112½	Berisford Intl	120	...	...	...	...
455	357	Booker	441	+1	...	0.2	45.4
52	35	Borthwick	47½	...	...	3.2	59.0
505	430	Brake Bros	501	...	6.2	1.5	20.9
51	38	Budgen	45	...	1.0	2.8	∞
511	413	Cadbury-Schw	472	...	...	3.5	17.5
119	78	Carrs Milling	119	...	3.9	4.1	23.8
196	156	Cranswick	181	...	...	5.5	13.5
22	8½	Cullens	18	+1	0.5	3.5	51.7
384	150	Dalepak	204↑	+4	6.0	3.7	16.1
498	424	Dalgety	489	+2	19.5	5.0	14.2
54	27	Daniels S	50	...	...	0.6	...
204	191	Devro	204	+1	...	3.4	19.4
134	90	Everest	101	...	...	4.3	14.0
353	269	Farepak	353	...	5.7	2.0	21.7
10	3	Farringford	8	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	70	...	...	...	...
125	78	Fyffes	100	...	...	7.4	23.2
483	328	Geest	382	-2	8.1	1.4	18.1
12	7	Global♠	12	...	...	2.7	17.2
45	43	Grand Central	44	...	1.2	5.2	18.7
203	147	Hazlewood Fds	189↑	-1	...	3.6	∞
171	131	Hillsdown	161	...	...	4.2	11.0
250	205½	Iceland Group	226	+2	...	6.8	12.7
131	103	JU Group	116	...	...	1.8	20.2
853	655	Kwik Save	710	+22	16.0	5.0	12.8
282	174	Low (Wm)	186	+7	8.4	2.8	13.6
60	41	Matthews (B)	60	...	2.2	5.6	9.0
19½	12½	Merchant Retail	17↑	...	1.1	4.7	30.3
174	126	Morrison (W)	153	-1	...	8.1	34.8
568	443	Nichols (JN)	543↑	-1	13.6	0.7	19.9
290	242	Nthn Foods	268	-4	...	3.1	15.7
28½	9½	Northumbn Fns♠	12↑	...	...	3.9	13.3
229	172	Nurdin Peack	207	-2	...	3.7	11.9
250	205	Park Foods	248	...	6.0	3.0	∞
115	78	Perkins Food	87	...	...	4.1	9.4
96½	47	PizzaExpress	92	...	...	0.7	52.9
9	1½	Regina Hlth♠	6½	...	...	...	...
584	436	Sainsbury J	493	+1	...	2.5	17.3
86	33	Sentry Farms♠	83	...	...	2.3	14.9
225	94	Sims Food	94	-3	...	10.0	18.1
439	357	Tate & Lyle	392½	+2½	12.0	3.8	12.4
223	195	Tesco	231½	-1½	...	3.8	10.7
211	123	Thorntons	199	+12	3.6	2.9	14.8
183	101	Treats♠	150↑	...	...	3.0	17.1
400	300	Unigate	390	+1	...	5.2	12.8
437	340½	Utd Biscuits	389	+4	...	4.9	18.5
26	20	Usborne	26	+2	...	4.4	...
337	248	Watson & Phil	277	+2	13.3	6.0	14.4

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
20	12	Abrdn Stk Ha	20	...	...	...	...
89	77	City Centre Rest	85	...	...	1.5	2.3	20.5
235	170	Forte	233	+2	...	4.0	18.3
220	155	Friendly Hotels	194	+3	5.7	3.7	37.0
11½	5	Harmony Leis♠	10½	...	...	...	...
110½	87	Jurys Hotel	107½	...	...	6.5	∞
215	154	Ladbroke	207	...	11.1	6.7	17.7
73	59	Mandarin Orntl	70	...	...	4.8	17.6
59	45	Queens Moat	47½#	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
99	83	-do- 7½% cvpr	85#	...	7.5	11.0	...
2½	1½	Regal Hotels♠	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	45#	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
24	11½	Ryan Hotels E	16½	...	...	6.1	...
855	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	840	...	7.0	1.0	...
60½	34½	Stakis	59	...	...	1.0	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	78	AAF Inds	114	+2	...	9.6	7.0
616	455	AAH	500	+1	...	4.3	16.1
177	140	Alba	172	...	7.5	5.5	∞
132	88	APV	106	-1	...	6.3	...
233	81	ASW	208	...	...	3.5	...
189	124	Adwest	189	...	7.0	4.6	26.9
32	10	Aerospace Eng	25½	-1½	1.0	...	15.5
255	249	Airsprung	255↑	+1	...	2.2	36.3
151	113	Alendra W	151	...	3.8	3.1	41.7
9	6½	Allied Radio	7	...	...	...	...
547	415	Alumasc	547	...	11.0	2.5	16.7
48	17	Alvis	42	...	1.0	3.0	8.6
475	345	Amber Ind	475	...	...	4.9	10.9
66	18	Amberley Gp♠	65↑	...	...	2.8	...
90	78	Anagen	88	...	...	...	...
145	82	Andrews Sykes	98	...	...	5.6	...
903	703	Autoglagenta	888	-15	...	2.3	16.4
50½	37	Armour	47½	+½	1.4	3.9	14.0
170	143	Ash & Lacy	151	...	6.4	5.3	15.4
3	2½	Ass Br Eng	3½	...	0.0	1.9	...
541½	434	Avon Rubber	518	...	...	4.0	20.7
245	168	Assoc Nursg♠	245	...	...	0.5	15.0
687½	544½	Atlas Equip	655	...	...	4.2	16.5
68	35	Ayrshire Metal	63	-3	...	...	...
182	147	BBA	178	+½	...	5.3	14.9
55	28	BLP Group♠	46	...	...	...	...
19	13	BM Gp	15	...	5.0	...	0.6
770	627	BOC	640	+11	23.2	4.5	14.0
78	60	BSG	74½	+1	...	5.4	25.9
487	353	BSS Group	448	...	...	4.8	26.8
409½	318	BTR	398	-1	...	3.4	22.8
221	155	BWI	179	...	6.7	4.7	17.2
43	31	Babcock	44	+½	...	6.0	26.3
8	4½	Bailey (CH)	6½	...	...	...	...
289	240	Baird (Wm)	284	+3	8.9	3.9	19.7
1062½	556½	Barlow Rand	600	-6½	...	5.8	3.4
63	48	Baynes (Charles)	62	...	...	2.9	25.4
15	5	Beauford	8	...	...	...	...
8½	6	Beckenham♠	7	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)♠	27	...	...	...	...
27½	15½	Benson Group	18½	...	0.3	2.0	∞
707	461	Bespak	563	-2	10.0	2.2	∞
133	73	Bibby (J)	88	-1	9.7	...	5.2
312	129	Billam (J)	249	...	5.0	2.5	12.8
41	21½	Bilston Batsen♠	32	...	...	...	...
11½	3½	Bimec Ind	9½	...	0.6	...	...
163	118½	Birkby	163	...	3.5	2.7	15.4
45	32	Black Arrow	42↑	+2	2.6	7.7	∞
1½	½	Black & Edgtn♠	1½	...	...	...	...
195	136	Black (Peter)	193	...	2.9	1.9	19.9
334	129	Bluebird Toys♠	334	+4	...	1.7	20.2
283½	247	Bodycote	283	...	...	2.2	18.1
40	23	Bogod 'A'	28↑	...	0.7	3.1	10.4
563	416	Boots	475	+1	...	3.5	17.6
61	42	Booth Inds	47	...	0.7	1.9	...
517	435½	Bowater	473	...	11.5	3.0	18.7
1682	1287	Bowater Inc	1341↑	-43	...	...	...
249	199	Boxmore Intl♠	249	...	...	1.8	18.6
19	12½	Brasway	15↑	...	0.5	4.3	∞
295	204	Brammer	295	+5	13.0	5.5	22.0
22	12	Bridgend Gp	21½	...	0.4	2.3	...
119	64	Bridon	115	+2	...	4.3	...
88	53	Bridport-Gndry	79	...	4.1	6.5	14.8
42	31	Brierley Inv	39	-1	...	8.1	9.6
308	250	Br Bldg & Eng	250	...	...	1.2	...
59	42	Br Bloodstock♠	59	+4	...	...	...
528	417	Br Polythene	510	+2	...	2.5	18.3
118	54	Br Steel	117	+½	...	1.1	...
180	100	Br Syphon	105	...	...	3.6	28.4
17	11½	Br Thornton	16½	...	...	1.9	∞
268	215	Br Vita	252	+1	7.1	3.5	15.5
15½	5½	Britton Grp	15	+½	...	1.5	...
730	555	Broken Hill	686	-5	...	2.7	32.5
109	78	Bromsgrve Ind	100	...	...	5.5	13.0
8	6½	Brooke Tool	7½	...	...	...	...
70	44	Brown & Tawse	53	+1	...	...	...
132	91	Bullough	131	+1	6.0	5.8	22.4
13	11½	Business Tech♠	12½	+1	...	...	...
23	17	CI Group	24	...	1.0	5.2	23.1
28	11	Campbll & Arm	20½	...	...	...	...
34	6½	Cannon St	30½	...	...	...	...
245	205	Cape	245	...	...	5.4	16.6
245	178	Carclo Eng	244	...	8.6	4.4	17.4
2888	2138	Carnaud Met	2613	...	...	2.3	...
78	68	Cassidy Bros♠	69	...	...	4.3	11.3
200	158	Castings	200	...	4.3	2.7	14.1
155	113	Chamberlin Hill	155	...	0.2	5.0	9.7
707	605	Charter Cons	697	+2	...	3.9	16.4
300	220	Chemring	300	...	...	3.4	18.1
92	45	Chieftain Gp♠	51↑	...	5.1	...	10.9
35	17	Chillington	33	...	0.2	0.9	...
204	144	Christies Int	180	...	...	1.0	...
61	34	Claybithe	60	...	...	5.2	...
95	70	Clayton Son	85	...	...	...	...
7	7	Co Designers♠	7#	...	0.2	...	...
400	295	Cohen (A)	315	...	6.8	2.7	...
223	179	Community H	193	...	6.5	4.2	12.0
246	186½	Concentric	223	+3	...	3.1	18.8
227	182	Cook (Wm)	226↑	+2	5.0	2.8	13.7
231	182	Cookson	231	+3	...	3.2	30.6
63	38	Copymore♠	61	...	...	2.0	18.6
238	130	Crswll Plr 'A'	165	+4	5.7	4.3	14.1
178	92	Cosalt	110	...	10.7	...	16.7
224	150	Creighton Nt♠	185	...	...	4.9	18.0
48	27	CrestaCare	41	...	0.5	1.5	35.5
3737½	2993½	Dana	3631½↑	-37½	...	...	...
236	78½	Danka Bs Sys	224	...	...	0.6	21.3
343	191	David Brown	343	+1	...	3.1	17.2
18	5	Davies (DY)♠	18	...	...	...	...
711	632	De La Rue	695	+1	...	3.1	18.4
26	16	Dinkie Heel	26	...	0.9	4.6	20.7
536	391	Diploma	535	...	4.7	2.3	27.8
79	50	Dobson Park	79	...	5.7	...	14.2
114	92	Dyson (J&J)	111	...	5.0	5.6	∞
78	57	-do- 'A'	75	...	5.0	8.3	∞
16½	8	EPG♠	12½	...	...	...	...
422	367	ERS	418	+9	...	3.9	16.6
28	19	Elbief	23	...	...	...	...
43	19	Eleco	25	...	3.3	...	14.7
2350	1750	Electrolux 'B'	2187½	-37½	...	2.5	...
86	45	Elliott (B)	60	...	...	...	...
474½	394	Eng China Cl	455	-3	...	5.5	35.0
3237½	1550	Ericsson 'B'	3075	-84½	...	1.0	...
53	32	Eurocopy	45	...	1.6	...	17.5
87	47	Expamet	78	...	...	5.2	1.8
715	499	Fairey Group	715	...	10.2	1.8	22.0
95	53	Fenner	80	...	4.2	...	15.1
66	32	Ferraris Group	53	...	...	2.4	12.4
1½	½	Ferrometa	1	...	...	...	...
29	21	Ferrum	21	...	2.5	14.9	14.7
60	28	Fife Indmar	60	+15	0.5	1.1	...
251	142	Fisons	178	+4	...	0.2	30.4
53	29	Fitzwilton	46	...	...	10.1	...
288	215	Flogas	288	...	...	1.2	13.0
43	38	Folkes Group nv	38	...	1.5	4.9	21.6
80	56	French (Thomas)	70	...	3.6	6.5	35.1
220	166½	Frost Group	220	...	4.0	2.3	9.2
85	71	GEI Int	77	+3	...	8.0	...
507	434	GKN	507	+1	...	5.1	33.3
51	42	GR Hldgs	46	...	...	5.4	...
98	70	Garton Eng	94	...	4.0	5.3	...
160	103	Gestetner	143	-1	8.2	7.2	8.2
36	23	Gieves	33	-3	...	...	23.9
801	509	Glaxo	558	-36½	17.0	3.8	15.4
38	16	Glenchewton	30½	...	...	...	...
317	245	Glynwed	317	...	11.6	4.7	29.5
114	66	Goode Durrant	114↑	...	...	5.9	...
134	102	Grampian Hd	133	+1	5.5	5.2	23.1
434	341	Granada	434	+6	7.7	2.2	23.1
407	301	Great Shstns	390	...	...	3.5	16.0
96	78	Green (Ernst)♠	88	...	...	9.9	12.2
15½	8½	Greenacre♠	13½	...	...	2.5	13.6
17	8	Guardian Grp♠	11	...	...	...	...
57	30½	Haden MacLn	52½	...	...	4.9	18.6
83	44	Hadleigh Inds♠	77↑	...	...	0.8	...
235	115	Hall Eng	220	...	8.6	4.7	19.1
228	161	Halma	221↑	-6	...	1.1	29.7
49	30	Hampson Ind	40	...	1.6	5.0	13.2
265½	222	Hanson	252½	-3	...	5.7	12.7
221	187	Harris (Philip)	206	...	...	4.2	12.5
198	147	Harrisn Crsfld	194	-1	9.0	5.9	27.5
68	38	Havelock Euro	68	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	43	...	...	...	...
28	17	Headway	26	...	0.7	3.4	13.7
17½	5	Healthcare	5	...	...	20.0	1.4
398	301	Hepworth	385	-2	14.8	4.8	16.6
228	160	Hewitt (J)	210	...	3.0	1.8	16.4
38	15	High-Point	36	...	1.3	...	...
159	112½	Hill & Smith	155	-1	...	4.5	21.6
10½	6½	Hobson♠	9	...	...	...	43.3
144	87	Holders Tech♠	143↑	...	...	5.2	18.7
49	30	Hopkinsons	49	+1	1.3	3.3	20.3
167	133	Hornby♠	143	...	...	7.9	13.5
87	59½	Howden	87	+2	2.2	3.2	∞
250	173	Hunting	250	...	...	5.0	21.1
433	269½	Huntleigh Tec♠	433	...	...	2.9	11.0
307	247	IMI	306	...	...	4.1	26.1
112	90	ISA Intl	103	-1	1.5	1.8	16.0
235	145	Interstare Gp♠	145	-1	...	2.2	15.3
255	235	Isoton	242	...	3.9	2.0	15.5
543	360	Jardine Math	532	-11	...	2.4	19.3
537	425	Johnson Matth	490	-5	...	2.6	21.5
64	36½	Johnson & FB	41½	...	3.0	9.0	12.8
177	104	Johnson	155	+1	3.2	2.6	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	28	...	...	...	...
33	18	Jourdan (T)	32	...	...	...	...
73	26	Kalamazoo	72½	+½	2.1	3.6	16.8
178	73	Kalon	167	+7	...	2.4	23.0
207	253	Kelsey Ind	260	...	13.0	...	...
545	465	Kenhaw (A)	525	...	27.0	6.4	27.2
235	75	Kenmore	211	...	...	...	...
150	61	LGW♠	150	+2	3.0	2.5	12.3
351	266	Laird	350	...	...	3.8	17.2
166	110	Lillesnall	166↑	+1	...	3.4	20.5
153	97	Lincat	150	...	...	4.3	12.9
19½	4½	Lincoln Hse♠	18½	+1	...	...	15.2
126	76	Linread	121	...	3.7	3.0	18.2
220	170	Linton Park	215	+2	...	8.1	7.8
15	10½	Linthcart	12½	...	...	0.2	2.0
25	15	Locker (T) A	21	...	...	1.0	6.0	30.5
234	173	Lon Inst	215	+1	9.4	5.5	16.4
135	70	Lonrho	126½	+½	...	4.0	...
382	269	Low & Bonar	373↑	...	...	3.0	52.2
343	265	MB-Caradon	313	+10	...	3.5	34.2
169½	135	-do- pf	154½	+2½	7.2	5.9	...
34	14½	ML Hldgs	34	...	...	...	...
43	27	MS Intl	40	...	...	7.8	41.2
50	39	MY Holdings	45	...	...	2.8	13.7
213	168	Macfarlane	210	...	...	1.9	23.8
445	379	McKechnie	445	...	14.7	4.1	22.1
106	85	McLeod Russel	100	...	6.0	7.5	12.2
10½	3½	Maddox	4½	...	...	...	23.2
88	63	Magnolia	88	+1	0.1	0.1	14.1
106	71	Mang Bronze	92	...	1.0	1.4	...
26½	19½	Marling	21½	+1½	...	3.8	...
192	124	Mayborn♠	186	...	...	3.4	15.4
55	29	Mayflower	54	...	...	2.9	45.1
236	85	Medeva	108½	+2½	...	2.6	8.8
114	88	Meggitt	113	-1	...	4.2	19.2
125	98	Metalr	122	...	...	3.7	19.8
78	70	Metex♠	78	...	...	...	...
83	29	Midstates	75	...	...	1.3	10.4
25	14	Mining & Ald	24	...	0.5	2.6	...
488	368	Molins	448	...	...	3.9	11.7
345	262	Morgan Cble	329	...	...	4.8	17.6
184	134	Morris Ashby♠	184	...	...	3.7	14.0
31	18	Neepsend	27↑	...	0.7	3.5	36.2
61	34	Nestor-BNA	60	...	3.1	6.6	14.3
191	122	Nobo Gp	183	...	4.8	3.3	∞
173	122½	Norcros	168	+3	...	5.2	34.5
51	35	Novo Group	43↑	...	...	3.8	13.8
413	310	Nu-Swift	333	+3	...	...	∞
57	36	Office Elec Mac	57	...	0.1	0.2	...
39½	21	Oakl Intl	32	...	1.7	6.8	...
140	123	PCT♠	128	...	...	7.1	14.5
48	36	Pacer Systems♠	37	...	...	10.3	...
138	101	Pentland	112	...	...	2.8	15.2
388	310	Photo-Me	388	...	4.4	1.4	19.8
150	97½	Pilkington	149½	+½	...	3.3	...
79	68	Plansbrook	74	+1	3.0	5.1	11.2
154	125	Polypipe	131	+1	1.9	1.9	18.9
42	19	Porter Chadburn	34	...	...	4.6	15.6
11½	5½	Porth Gp♠	9	...	...	...	...
376	306	Powerscreen	359	...	...	2.3	18.7
20	16½	Prospect Inds	17½	...	0.2	5.4	8.8
54	33½	RPS Group♠	50	...	2.2	5.6	10.8
95	73	Radiant Metal	80	...	...	...	...
185	77	Ramco Oil♠	130	...	...	1.0	43.5
804	636	Rank Org	799	...	31.0	4.8	21.9
33	23	Ransomes	34	...	...	...	...
657	532	Reckitt Colm	583	-8	...	3.5	21.1
77	50	Record	72	-1	3.6	6.3	35.4
7½	2½	Reece	5½	...	...	...	...
206	131	Relyon	206↑	+3	4.9	3.0	24.7
303	218	Renishaw	262	...	6.5	3.1	20.1
87	55	Renold	87	...	...	1.4	...
1573	1240	Reuters	1549	+30	21.2	1.7	25.6
45½	24½	Rexmore	45½	+½	1.7	4.8	...
150	91	Ricardo Group	150	...	5.7	4.8	42.2
68	58	Richard (Leics)	67	+1	4.4	8.2	...
98	63	Richardsn West	89	+2	3.0	4.2	22.8
128	109	Ropner	120	+2	8.2	8.6	17.0
122	97	-do- 'A'	118	+2	8.2	8.7	16.7
38	24	Ross Gp	28	+½	0.6	2.9	11.4
182	131½	Rotork	175	-1	...	2.7	20.3
158	89	Rubicon	158	+3	...	3.3	∞
65	43	Russell (A)	61	...	...	2.0	...
29	15	SEP Indl	24½	+½	...	3.8	22.4
1012½	625	SKF 'B'	987½	-25	...	...	...
49	39	Saville Grdn (J)	48	...	2.2	5.9	∞
248	205	Scapa	236	+3	...	3.0	18.0
238	192	Schroll	218	+1	...	3.6	15.9
6½	4	Scot Heritable	5	...	...	...	...
1040	917	Securicor	1040	+25	2.6	0.3	39.6
736	562	-do- 'A'	736	+34	2.6	0.4	28.0
635	465	Security Serv	605	+33	5.0	1.0	31.4
116	77	Senior Eng	115	-1	...	3.4	19.2
361	286	Seton Health	290	+3	...	2.5	17.1
68	42	Sheldon Jones♠	65	...	...	...	...
133	88	Siebe	118	-2	2.9	3.1	12.7
344	281	Siebe	303	+1	...	4.1	19.4
560	427	Siebe	550	-4	...	2.3	21.4
351	220	Silentnight	351	...	...	2.8	20.6
124	102	Sime Darby	119	...	...	3.8	13.8
142	32	Simon Eng	64	-3	5.0	9.8	14.6
259	194	Sinclair (Wm)	195	+1	7.0	4.5	12.6
47	36	Six Hundred	38	...	...	5.8	...
166	139½	Smith & Neph	146½	+2½	...	4.0	16.1
513	389	Smithkline	448↑	+16	8.6	2.4	16.2
366	340	Smithkline Uts	396↑	+14	...	3.3	14.3
394	320	Smiths Ind	385	+8	11.2	3.7	15.7
140	58	Sthn Bus	58	-1	3.3	7.3	5.5
410	265	Spandex♠	405	...	...	2.0	18.0
650	300	Spear (JW)	550	...	4.0	3.2	10.1
366	314	Spirax-Sarco	360	+7	...	3.2	23.2
145	44	Spring Ram	63½	+1	...	0.7	17.4
270	222	Staveley	255	...	...	4.2	14.4
162	136	Sterling Ind	161	+2	...	4.3	24.7
26	11	Stonehill	20½	+½	...	...	...
187	92	Suter	183½	-3½	8.8	6.0	19.2
361	244	Swire Pacific 'A'	351	...	...	2.5	∞
7	4	Sycamore	4½	...	...	...	...
78	53	Sykes-Pick	63	...	...	7.9	12.1
275	240	Syltone	275	...	...	4.3	18.3
368	279	TI	356↑	-1	...	3.8	24.3
23	12	TLS Range♠	22	...	...	1.4	...
290	211	TT Group	274↑	-1	...	3.0	16.9
249	220	Takare	233	-4	1.8	1.0	19.3
868	618	Takeda Chem	850	-18	...	0.5	23.5
65	24	Tex Hldgs	61	...	...	...	...
109	70	Tinsley (E)♠	96	...	...	7.2	∞
223	150	Titon♠	215	...	...	2.1	18.7
271	212½	Tomkins	259	+1	...	3.5	23.7
110½	67	Trafalgar H	107½	+2	...	3.8	7.9
579	346	Transfer Tech	450	-5	16.0	4.4	11.3
190	158½	Triplex Lloyd	174	-1	7.0	5.0	∞
253	214	UniChem	231	...	5.6	3.1	15.1
375	275½	Unidare	375	...	...	5.2	12.2
76	11½	Unigroup	49	-1	...	...	...
1249	938	Unilever	1025	+19	21.3	2.6	13.9
8112½	6362½	Unilever (NV)	6875	+9½	...	3.0	11.5
915	513	VSEL	880	-8	...	4.1	9.4
9½	6½	Verson	8½	...	...	...	...
164	95½	Vickers	157	-1	...	1.2	...
367	243	Victaulic	302	+7	...	3.2	14.9
437	283	Vinten	436	...	...	2.0	20.3
659	427	Vosper Thorny	654	...	...	3.0	15.8
46	41	WSP Hldgs	45	...	...	8.1	11.7
408	368	Wagon Ind	408↑	...	...	5.3	18.0
88	71	Walker Greenbk	88	...	3.1	4.4	22.5
358	201	Wassall	245	-2	2.5	1.3	24.7
38	22	Wtrford Wdgwd	37	...	...	...	...
384	291	Weir	368	...	...	2.0	20.8
903	600	Wellcome	678	+34	13.0	2.4	18.7
29½	19	Wellman	20	...	0.9	5.6	32.6
332	260	West Hldcare	332↑	+12	...	1.4	∞
510	460	Whatman	498	...	9.5	2.4	16.9
353	267	Whessoe	299	...	...	3.5	11.2
65	27	Whitecroft	61	...	...	...	...
8½	4½	Widney	7½	...	...	...	...
96	44	Wilkes (James)	95	+2	3.5	4.6	27.8
365	295½	Williams Hldg	340	...	12.5	4.6	77.8
35	17	Wilshaw	33½	...	...	1.9	21.1
661	533	Wolseley	653	...	12.5	2.4	22.6
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
46	35	Wyko	40↑	...	...	3.1	...
59	38	Young (H)	56	...	3.0	6.7	20.5

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INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1543½	Alex & Alex	1681½	-18½	...	4.0	...
2275	1787½	Am Gen	2275	+37½	...	3.2	...
47	30	Archer (AJ)	45	...	...	...	21.9
148	118	Bradstock	141↑	-1	4.4	...	...
498	359½	Britannic	432	+2	5.1	4.5	17.4
667	556	Com Union	626↑	-6	...	3.2	...
1570	1225	Dom & Gen	1558	...	...	4.0	...
36	18	FAI	36	...	...	1.4	25.7
699	546	Gen Accident	689	+1	...	...	...
239	160	GRE	230	-7	26.7	4.9	...
411	293	Heath C E	405	-7	7.0	4.2	17.4
228	168	Hogg Gp	218	-5	...	4.9	...
218	164	JIB Group	212	-1	7.5	4.4	21.5
513	408½	Legal & Gen	471	-1	...	5.1	28.6
1092	766	Liberty Life	986	-3	...	2.0	17.1
465	403	Lloyds Abbey	433	...	17.3	5.0	15.6
338	253	Lloyd Thomp	334	-3	5.6	2.1	24.6
368	274	Londn & Man	352	...	12.1	4.5	18.6
439	321	Lowndes Lmb	423↑	...	13.5	4.0	15.2
6743½	5600	Marsh McLn	6012½	-106½	...	3.0	...
97	76	Oriel	94	...	...	6.6	...
69	50½	PWS	69	...	4.0	7.2	10.0
349	282½	Prudential	323	-1	...	4.6	21.5
1138	800	Refuge	930	-3	31.5	4.1	26.3
347	248	Royal	331	-3	...	2.5	...
208	153	Sedgwick	191	-15	...	4.0	22.7
261	205	Steel Burrill	253	...	...	6.5	14.9
87	48	Sturge Hldgs	70	+6	8.2	...	7.1
399	307	Sun Alliance	397	-1	14.2	4.5	...
61	50	Trade Indemnity	55	...	...	...	...
324	239	Transatlantic	324↑	+4	12.0	4.6	30.1
773	499	Utd Friendly	623	-5	14.5	2.9	27.2
240	171	Willis Corroon	227	-2	...	3.6	48.8
20	13½	Windsor	19	...	...	...	14.9

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1786	1548	Alliance	1784	+5	45.0	3.2	38.7
264	226½	Amer Trust	259	-1	4.9	2.4	53.7
395	304	Ang & O'seas	393↑	...	6.8	2.2	49.9
141	124	BZW Conv	141	+1	7.8	6.9	16.5
182½	133½	Bankers	182½	+2	3.4	2.4	50.2
308	264	Baring Tribne	308	...	6.4	2.4	48.7
187	131	Berry Starq	186	...	2.2	1.5	60.5
108½	96½	Br Assets	108½	+½	...	4.9	26.6
80½	57½	Br Empire Sec	80	...	0.8	1.4	...
28½	14	-do- Wnts	28	...	...	...	...
186	156	Br Inv	186	...	4.5	3.0	41.9
180	130	Cond Asset	180	+1	2.4	1.7	59.0
195	143	Derby Inc	145	...	...	12.3	8.7
280	195	-do- Cap	278	+3	...	...	...
79	62	Drayton Blue	78	...	8.4	13.5	8.7
78	35	-do- Eng Ind	78	...	1.2	1.9	...
133	84	-do- Far East	131	+1	0.6	0.6	...
122	95	-do- Korea	112	+2	0.5	0.6	...
649	576	Dunedin Inc G	648	-1	25.4	4.9	29.8
99	94	-do- Japan	98½	...	...	...	...
55	38	-do- Warrants	55	...	...	...	...
685	513	-do- Wwde	685	+2	9.5	1.7	70.6
290	222	Dundee & Lon	290	...	...	3.9	26.8
295	250½	Edinburgh	294	+1	8.4	3.6	32.2
286	183	Electra Inv	286	+3	6.7	2.9	39.0
182	141	Electric Gen	182↑	+2	3.1	2.1	∞
112	85	English Scot	112	...	...	...	...
293	205	European Asset	293	...	...	2.4	38.1
120	77	Finsbury 'A'	120	...	3.0	3.1	38.6
290	248	Fleming Amer	289	...	0.7	0.3	...
218	190½	-do- Claver	218	...	...	3.1	43.0
309	212	Do Contl	309	+1	2.7	1.1	...
198	147	-do- Emrg	198↑	+1	4.7	3.0	∞
329	213	-do- F East	329	+1	1.1	0.4	...
312	246	-do- Fledg	312	...	3.0	1.2	...
118	93	-do- Hi Inc	103	...	...	5.3	17.6
260	136	-do- Japan	258	-1½	0.3	0.2	...
284	250	-do- Merc	283	...	0.7	3.0	60.6
286	212	-do- Oseas	286	+1	4.0	1.7	68.3
255	203	Foreign & Col	255↑	...	...	1.7	69.4
211	164	-do- Eurotrst	211	...	1.2	0.7	...
119	87	-do- German	119	+1	0.5	0.5	...
319	191	-do- Pacific	316	-3	1.9	0.8	...
158	116	-do- Smaller	158	-2½	1.8	1.5	79.9
272	145	GT Japan	269	-3	...	0.5	...
145	65	Genl Cons Cap	143	-1	...	...	...
123½	98½	-do- Inc	115↑	...	...	9.2	11.9
145	115	Govett Am Smlr	143	...	...	...	...
315	184	-do- Oriental	315	+2	0.9	0.4	...
277	207	-do- Strategy	277	+2	...	3.0	38.2
391	340	Greenfriar	391	+1	...	2.0	58.7
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
53	47	Independent Inv	52½	...	0.6	1.4	∞
140	124	Inv Cap	139½	+½	5.1	4.6	28.0
96	77	IBS UK Smllr	96	...	2.8	3.6	26.8
199½	150½	Kleinwort Chrt	199½	+½	5.0	3.1	38.8
233	176	-do- O'seas	233↑	+3	3.3	1.8	66.2
127	108	-do- Smlr	125	...	4.0	4.0	30.3
669	540	Law Debenture	669↑	+4	18.2	3.4	33.4
190	164	Majedie	189	...	...	3.1	36.6
271	221	Merchants	270	...	10.6	4.9	25.1
6087½	3700	Merrill Lynch	6018½	-68½	...	...	...
480	383	Monks Inv Tst	480	+4	...	1.7	60.8
130	105	Murg Gren Inc	130	...	...	4.4	25.8
46	23	Do Warrants	46	...	...	...	...
55	39	Murray Euro	55	...	0.1	0.4	...
17½	4½	Do Wts	17½	+½	...	...	...
338	282	Murray Income	337	+1	...	4.0	32.1
329	265	-do- Intl	320	+2	11.4	4.3	29.7
370	263	-do- Small.	370	...	4.2	1.4	∞
103	93	-do- S/C Inc	93	...	...	14.2	9.1
135	73	-do- S/C Cap	135	...	...	...	...
3050	2750	-do- S/C Uts	2950	...	...	4.5	...
153	142½	-do- S/C DP	153	...	...	...	...
304	220	-do- Vent	304	+4	...	4.2	34.0
87	56½	New Frontier	87	...	0.2	0.4	...
85	68	Nuthrng Inc	80	...	6.7	10.5	15.0
330	249	O'seas Inv Tst	330	...	2.8	1.1	...
409	285	Pacific Assets	409	+2	1.1	0.3	...
313	187	Do Warrants	312½	+1½	...	...	...
8300	7650	Personal Assets	8275	...	...	2.4	49.4
156	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	155	...	1.1	0.9	...
126	108	River & Merc	123↑	...	9.2	9.3	12.3
419	350	Robeco	419	...	...	2.9	...
423	346	Rolinco	423	...	...	1.8	...
275	214	St Andrew Inv	274↑	...	7.5	3.4	36.8
154½	131	Scot American	154↑	...	...	3.8	32.6
224	136	Scott Asian	224	...	...	...	...
503	225	do Warrants	501	+3	...	...	...
80	63½	-do- Eastern	80	...	7.5	2.4	52.0
220	183	Scottish	220	...	4.6	2.6	45.6
330	178	-do- Mrge	320	+2	4.0	2.3	57.1
91	71	-do- Value	91	...	...	2.5	64.8
1578	1390	Second Allnce	1578	+1	36.5	2.9	42.4
88	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	87½	+½	3.2	4.7	28.6
154	109½	Selective Asset	154	...	1.2	1.0	55.4
32	14	Sphere Inv	32	...	3.1	12.4	10.1
164	112	TR Far East	164↑	+1	4.5	3.4	36.0
152	126	TR City Of Lon	150↑	+½	4.8	4.0	∞
167	110	TR Pacific	169½	+½	0.3	0.3	...
32	17	TR Property	31½	...	0.9	3.6	32.8
92	47	TR Tech Inv	92	+5	1.7	2.4	34.1
193	146	TR Smlr Cos	193	...	3.8	2.5	∞
347	283	Temple Bar	344↑	...	13.2	4.8	25.9
97	69	Thrmtn Asian E	97	+1	0.5	0.6	...
74	54	Throgmorton	74	...	2.3	3.9	30.2
543	363	Throg Dual Cp	543	+5	...	...	...
234	178	USDC Invest	226	+1	4.5	2.5	41.2
112	76½	Value Inc Tst	107½	...	3.6	4.2	27.0
665	542	Whitbread Inv	663	+1	16.5	3.1	39.9
213	181	Witan	213	...	5.6	3.3	37.3

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
381	269	Airtours	375	-3	7.2	2.4	13.3
64	42	Ald Leis	59	...	4.7	...	16.9
357	194	Anglia TV	328	-4	...	3.5	15.2
103	63	Baldwin	73↑	...	3.0	5.1	9.0
249	192	Barr & W 'A'	229	...	10.0	5.5	14.8
1200	930	Boosey Hwks	1195	...	22.0	2.3	17.9
153	90	Border TV♠	136	...	...	3.1	∞
16½	4½	Brent Walker	7½	+½	...	...	...
58	48	Bristol Scots	53	...	...	...	...
8	2	Buckingham Int	5½	...	...	...	...
150	110	Campari	136	-2	...	11.0	...
205	171	Capital Radio	205	...	5.2	3.2	23.7
818	718	Carlton Comm	787	-1	17.0	2.7	23.2
200	158	Castle Comm♠	175	...	...	6.1	16.0
2080	1615	Central TV	1963	...	38.0	2.4	21.4
83	61	Chrysalis	68	...	...	...	...
580	470	Compass Gp	536	-2	...	3.0	16.0
350	175	Eurocamp	229	...	9.7	5.3	9.5
1180	621	Euro Disney	685	...	...	1.6	...
8	3½	Euro Leisure	5½	...	...	...	...
36	18	Ex-Lands	33	-1	...	...	...
390	245	Fairline Boats	265	...	10.5	5.0	...
378	314	First Leisure	334	-7	6.1	2.3	23.0
515	298	GWR Gp♠	509	...	...	1.7	26.2
239	149	Grampian	233	+2	6.1	3.3	16.1
15	4½	Greenwich Comm♠	14	...	...	...	...
62½	19	HTV Group	59	+2	...	...	26.2
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	45	...	...	5.6	...
12½	5½	Kunick	11½	...	...	...	...
490	262	LWT CP	467	-1	...	1.3	21.6
476	327	Man Utd	476	...	18.0	4.7	16.4
148	59	Owners Abrd	78	-½	3.5	5.7	6.1
66	33	The Pelican Gp	66	...	...	2.1	∞
160	55	Prism Leisure♠	135	...	...	3.0	12.5
30	16	Quadrant Grp	29	...	...	...	...
318	224	Radio Clyde♠	300	...	...	3.5	21.5
185	132	Ramsdens (H)	185	+5	...	3.0	24.5
553	431	Scot TV	523	-2	9.9	2.4	25.7
60	37	Southern Radio	39	...	0.7	2.5	16.2
251	168	Stanley Leisure	250	...	4.3	2.2	∞
8	5½	Sunleigh♠	7½	...	...	...	...
145	118	Sunset & Vine	120	...	3.5	3.6	14.0
420	345½	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.4	∞
2½	1	Ticketing♠	2	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenham Hot	97	-3	...	...	3.1
78	44	Trans Worlds♠	55	...	...	1.8	20.1
481	274	Ulster TV	476	...	10.0	2.6	14.6
101	62	Vardon	98	...	0.7	1.0	23.1
22	11	Wembley	15½	...	0.2	1.6	...
41	7½	Whitegate	41	+4	...	...	...
218	110	Yorkshire TV	213	-4	12.0	7.0	6.4
120	83	Zetters Gp	117↑	...	8.0	8.5	∞

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5700	1800	Am Gold	4600	-21½	...	4.5	22.1
1625	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1462½	-6½	...	6.3	7.3
2300	1125	Ang Am	2112½	+62½	...	3.3	17.4
30½	8½	Anglo Pac Res♠	25½	-½	...	...	...
133	33	Blyvoors	120½	-2	...	5.1	6.6
46	18	Bracken	35½	+3	...	...	2.0
871	233	Buffels	657	-15	...	10.0	∞
2½	1	Bume	2	...	...	...	...
690	546	CRA	686	-4	...	3.0	22.1
43½	11	Cluff Res	33	...	...	...	...
1312½	762½	De Beers	1312½	+12½	...	3.7	17.7
165	37½	Deelkraal	127	+5	...	1.6	∞
96	7	Doornfontein	53½	-1	...	...	...
913	388	Driefontein	724	+5	...	4.2	∞
709	120	Durban	530	-7	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	126	+5	...	9.3	3.5
270	54	E Rand Prop	209	-4	...	...	...
604	117	Elandsrand	368	-87	...	3.3	8.5
899	292	FS Cons	737	+6	...	6.9	8.8
80	8	FS Dev	64	-13	...	...	...
1675	735	GFSA	1397	+16	...	2.9	∞
180	125	Gencor	165	-2	...	6.0	12.8
64½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	52½	+2	...	2.6	12.9
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	14½	...	...	...	...
187	40	Grootvlei	110	+1	...	9.5	6.4
360	78	Harmony	292	-14	...	...	...
425	87	Harties	325	+9	...	6.0	∞
16	8½	Inoco♠	16	+1	...	...	...
1010	491	Impala Plat	768	...	...	3.7	...
13½	6	Kenmare Res♠	9	...	...	...	...
1080	332	Kinross	896	-5	...	5.6	9.8
913	319	Kloof	657	+6	...	3.4	∞
137	25	Leslie	102	+8	...	4.1	10.2
219	13	Loraine	154	-3	...	...	...
1300	620	Lydenburg	840	...	...	2.4	∞
116½	81½	MIM	104½	...	...	2.2	42.7
1266	820	Minorco	1164	+14	...	3.4	13.0
136½	91	Nth Bkn Hill	132	...	...	3.8	20.4
2287½	610	Orange Free	1875	-9½	...	7.0	14.3
709	607	RTZ	687	...	...	3.8	25.8
637½	425	Rand Mines	606½	-6½	...	9.7	2.7
671	150	Randfontein	545	+14	...	5.5	∞
192	115	Renison	175	...	...	2.6	17.0
1200	850	Rustnburg	1049½	...	...	3.2	∞
595	191	St Helena	469	+10	...	5.3	9.4
2168	475	Southvaal	1785	+35	...	3.2	30.9
109	18	Stilfontein	91	-1	...	6.9	15.8
201	30	Unisel	112	+5	...	2.8	10.8
6075	1800	Vaal Reefs	5000	...	...	4.4	8.6
582	154	Welkom	485	-8	...	7.0	14.3
351	26	Western Areas	271	-1	...	2.6	∞
2512½	587½	Western Deep	2087½	-34½	...	3.0	9.6
283	176	Wstrn Mining	263	-4	...	...	...
1039	323	Winkels	887	+3	...	1.1	7.2
84	56	Zambia Copper	62	...	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	40	...	...	7.7	∞

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
258	233	Abbey Panels	233	...	3.0	2.9	12.5
130	95	Airflow Stream	130	...	...	...	...
150	82	Appleyard	150	+5	5.2	4.3	...
295	203	Bletchley Mtr	295	...	...	3.7	15.1
155	120	Bostrom	155	+1	6.0	4.8	27.4
466	165	Br Aerospace	455	+2	7.0	1.9	...
52	19½	Burndene	48	...	...	3.1	12.8
368	303	Caffyns	368	...	11.5	3.9	74.5
11½	4½	Caverdale	11½	+½	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtr♠	133↑	...	...	3.8	33.8
29	18	Cook (DC)♠	27↑	...	...	2.8	∞
267	156	Cowie (T)	260↑	+2	6.2	3.0	19.8
125	86	Dag Motors	125	+5	5.7	5.8	22.6
146	102½	Davnprt Vern	145	...	...	3.5	18.3
297	155	ERF	294	-3	2.0	0.9	...
131	92	European Mtr	129	...	...	3.4	18.1
376	208	Evans Halshaw	376	+27	11.8	3.8	57.4
290	226	FR Group	289	...	...	3.3	12.5
3650	2843½	Ford Motor	3525↑	-25	...	...	...
3312½	2143½	General Mtr	3162½	+31½	...	1.6	...
68	38	Gowrings	68	+3	2.0	3.7	...
206	85	Henlys	206	+6	3.0	1.8	...
917	650	Honda Motor	901	-16	...	0.6	...
30	15	Jacks (Wm)	28	...	...	...	...
106	66	Jessups	94	...	4.5	6.0	...
166	97	Kwik-Fit	162	...	...	2.6	28.9
413	281	Lex Service	408↑	+4	...	3.2	22.3
159	85	Lookers	150↑	...	6.2	5.2	...
158	126	Lucas	156	+1	7.0	5.6	...
27	21	Mabys Grp	27½	...	...	...	...
276	224½	Pendragon	274	+1	...	3.1	22.2
197	106	Perry Gp	196	...	6.0	3.8	...
178	108	Quicks Group	178	+1	...	3.2	22.5
163	99	Rolls-Royce	161½	+1	...	3.9	...
219	164	T & N	219	...	...	6.2	38.1
201	163	Trinity Hldgs	198	+2	...	3.5	∞
160	125	Vardy (Reg)	160	+2	4.2	3.3	∞
235	121	Westland	215	-1	4.2	2.5	19.0

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
148	103	Adscene	148	+1	4.0	3.4	15.8
340	315	Black (A&C)	338	...	13.5	5.0	13.9
608	423	Blenheim Gp	460	...	...	2.4	17.1
370	275	Bristol	340	...	...	4.3	30.7
£102	7775	Daily Mail	9800	+25	13.0	1.7	22.1
£101½	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9750	...	13.0	1.7	22.0
305	251	Dorling Kind	289	...	...	1.3	27.6
373	322	EMAP	339	+1	...	2.9	20.9
1113	873	Euromoney Pb	1053	...	29.5	3.5	23.7
237	170	Harrington K	203	-1	4.5	2.8	16.6
413	233	Haynes Pub	413	+30	6.0	1.8	17.8
355	343	Hodder H'line	363	-1	5.0	1.8	30.0
140	99	Home Counts	139	...	6.0	5.4	...
140	30	Intl Bus Comm	133	-2	...	...	19.2
9	6½	Intl Cm & Data♠	7½	...	...	...	...
375	240	Independent	375	...	...	3.1	18.4
553	395	Johnstne Press	553	...	6.2	1.4	23.9
316	243	Metal Bulletin	315↑	...	8.0	3.2	22.2
181	88	Mirror Gp.	181	+½	...	...	...
422	297	News Corp	414½	-7½	...	0.3	22.9
255	169	News Intl	249	...	...	0.5	17.2
491	354	Pearson	483	-2	...	3.1	29.4
675	510	Portsmth Sund	624	...	...	1.9	17.2
686	618	Reed Int	677	+10	...	3.2	20.2
148	98	Southnews	141	...	...	1.9	26.1
162	90	Sterling Pub♠	161	+1	...	2.4	17.5
401	328	Telegraph	384	...	...	3.6	16.1
825	715	Thomson Corp	785↑	...	25.4	4.1	∞
378	313	Trinity Intl	375	...	8.7	2.9	22.5
36	34	Unit Group♠	34	...	...	...	...
593½	480½	Utd Nwspprs	562	...	...	4.8	16.6

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
39½	17	Aran Energy	35	+1	...	...	34.1
61	37	Arcon Intl♠	43	+4	...	...	...
69½	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	65	...	...	...	...
83	26	Aviva Pet	69	...	...	...	...
16	9	Beverley	12½	...	...	...	...
195	145	Br Borneo	195	...	7.1	4.6	5.0
337½	276	British Gas	329½	+4	14.2	5.4	15.8
326	225	Br Petroleum	301½	-2	10.5	4.4	23.7
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½	+½	...	...	...
764½	675	Burmah Castrl	763	+3	...	4.1	17.8
65	32	Cairn Energy	53	...	...	...	7.6
268	223	Calor Gp	252	-1	...	6.0	21.0
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	50	...	...	...	...
44	27	Duplex Res	41	...	...	...	...
25½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas♠	19½	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	439	-3	16.0	4.6	54.2
88	33	Exp Co Louis	34	-2	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	25	...	...	2.3	8.9
67	45	Goal Pet	56	...	1.4	3.1	10.7
44	18	Gt Western Res	41	...	...	...	...
163½	104½	Hardy O & G	145	...	...	0.9	13.5
46	18½	Kelt Energy	40	...	...	...	...
195	130	LASMO	134	+1	3.3	3.1	27.2
103	63	-do- Units	79	...	9.4	15.0	...
24	10	Mid Scot Res♠	13	+½	...	...	...
47	34	Monument	44½	...	...	...	71.3
9½	4	New London	6½	+½	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	26	...	1.0	4.5	9.7
35	22	Oil Search	29	...	...	...	...
16	11½	Petroz	16	...	...	...	...
126	99	Pict Pet	119	...	...	...	16.5
29½	18	Premier	24½	+½	...	...	9.0
115	50	Presidio	115	...	...	...	...
393	290	Ranger	340	-10	...	5.3	...
6637½	5150	Royal Dtch Fl	6612½	-25	...	4.7	...
4500	3600	Schlumberger	4325	-62½	...	4.6	16.5
67	47	Seafield	53	...	...	1.9	...
664	515	Shell	661	+2	21.9	4.1	20.3
203	177	Sunrise Eng Sv	179	...	...	...	...
41	21	Triton Europe	26	...	...	...	5.9
12½	6	Viliers Grp	11½	...	...	...	...
172	141	Woodside	161	...	...	2.2	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
132	120	AG Holdings	130	+1	...	5.0	11.8
331	249	API	305	+2	7.5	3.1	26.6
208	144	Arjo Wiggins	200	-1	...	4.1	19.6
520	408	Abbott Mead	519	...	9.3	2.2	26.0
1½	¾	Aceis Group	1¼	...	...	...	...
40	13	Aegis Gp	34	-1	...	5.1	...
212	118	Aspen Comm♠	135	...	...	4.6	12.1
13	7	BBB Design♠	13	...	...	...	...
385	234½	Bemrose	385	...	...	3.8	15.8
32	12	Birkdale	13	-1	0.2	1.9	11.0
138	118	Bunzl	133	-1	4.0	3.8	30.1
300	257	CIA Gp	300↑	...	...	1.8	19.0
222	93	Capital Inds	218	...	...	1.8	20.8
79	44	City of Lon♠	71	-3	...	6.8	13.1
236	169	Cropper (James)	232	...	3.1	1.7	22.4
6	6	Crown Com♠	6#	...	...	...	...
92	51	Delyn Pckaging	89	...	1.6	2.3	12.0
117	94	Dolphin Pack	104	...	4.5	5.4	25.7
74	42	Dudley Jenkins♠	74↑	+1	...	5.2	16.8
15½	11½	Elswick	12	...	...	3.1	15.4
73	41	Fairway Group♠	64↑	...	3.1	6.2	18.9
323	271	Ferguson Intl	318	...	...	4.9	14.4
108	92	Ferry Pick	105	...	...	6.7	28.3
133	74	Filofax♠	133	...	...	1.2	17.1
20	14	Finch	15½	...	...	...	...
119	69	Gibbon Lyons♠	119	...	...	5.3	11.4
295	247	Gold Greenlees	287	...	8.3	3.7	∞
41	20	Goodhead	24	...	0.5	2.6	...
88	35	Hunterprint	50	...	...	...	...
185	136	Inserteurope	160	...	7.4	5.9	10.5
264	191	Jarvis Porter	251	...	...	2.3	...
32	15½	Lopex	25	...	...	...	...
300	175	Marr O'Ferrall	300	...	13.2	5.5	35.9
133	66	NMC Group	132	+8	2.0	1.9	20.1
130	66	Osborne & Little	128	...	...	4.5	14.1
517	455	Portals	504	-1	...	3.6	17.2
266	167	Quarto	253	...	5.3	2.6	13.9
347	287	St Ives Gp	305	...	5.2	2.2	20.8
185½	142½	Saatchi	163	+1	...	...	...
474	333	Sappi	388	-5	...	9.5	7.5
20	11½	Serif♠	19	+½	...	...	...
32½	14	Shandwick	25	...	...	...	...
394	294	Smith David	393	+1	...	3.2	20.6
295	214	Smurfit (Jeff)	240	...	...	3.0	16.3
68	45	Somic	65	...	1.5	2.9	26.6
246	183	Stat-Plus	239	...	8.0	4.4	31.4
27½	16½	Taylor Nelson	27½	...	0.3	1.4	23.1
68	38	VTR♠	68	...	...	6.2	19.4
93	40	WPP	89	...	...	1.4	3.3
156	62	Wace	143	+2	...	2.0	...
255	203	Waddington (J)	255	...	...	3.9	19.1
723	540	Watmough	713	...	11.5	2.0	28.0
7	4½	Westport♠	5½	...	...	...	...
34	12	Whitney Mck♠	24	...	...	...	∞
87	55	Wood (SW)	78	...	...	2.0	16.7

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
95	41	Allied Lon	91	-1	3.5	4.8	78.5
63	58	Arcadian	62	...	...	...	...
97	52	Asda	93	...	...	2.8	9.8
139	88	Avonside	135	...	4.0	3.7	18.9
2637½	2062½	BCE♠	2275	-12½	...	...	...
606	396	Bilton	606	...	18.9	3.9	21.9
100	23	Bourne End	100	+16	1.0	1.2	...
219	150	Bradford	212	...	5.4	3.2	21.5
23	5	Bredero	12½	...	...	...	...
370	166½	Br Land	363	...	...	2.4	33.1
240	140½	Brixton	235	...	...	4.4	18.6
72½	42	Burford	71	...	...	2.0	...
160	99	Cap & Regnl♠	160	...	...	0.9	...
185	120	Cardiff Prop	185	...	2.4	1.6	...
408	196	Chesterfield	408	...	11.0	3.4	20.2
38	12	City Site Ests	38	+3	1.4	...	...
23	12	Clarke Nickolls	21	...	...	...	...
53	34	Conrad Rhlat GS	51	-1	...	1.2	...
1188	818	Daejan	1178↑	...	...	2.9	14.5
3½	1½	Dares Estates	2½	...	...	...	...
98	53	Debenhm Twsn	85	...	...	4.4	16.6
12	4	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
141	76	Dencora	131	...	3.0	2.9	...
498	263	Derwent Hldgs	483	...	8.6	2.2	60.2
42	10	Development Sec	41	-1	...	...	...
55	25	Dwyer	52	...	...	...	...
260	170	Estates Agency	260	...	3.0	...	23.8
27	7½	Estates Gen	20	+½	...	...	...
211	132	Evans Of Leeds	211	...	...	2.7	18.6
30	11	Five Oaks	29½	...	...	...	...
62	30	Fletcher King	62	...	1.0	2.0	41.1
446	276½	Frogmore	446	...	...	4.2	25.9
200	97	Grainger	198	+3	5.2	3.3	44.3
207	116½	Gt Portland	205	+2	...	6.1	19.6
26½	7½	Greycoat	20	+1	5.2	...	...
146	101	HK Land	143	-3	...	4.6	19.5
75	35	Hambro Cntyw	69	...	...	...	...
387½	257½	Hammerson	386	+5	10.0	3.2	39.1
663	245	-do- 'A'	356	+3	10.0	3.5	36.0
251	127	Helical Bar	248	...	...	2.4	8.9
31	19	Hemingway	29	...	...	...	...
132	56	Herring Baker	63	+1	3.7	7.4	15.8
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
675	435	Land Sec	624½	+4½	22.8	4.2	20.3
106	73	Lon Merch Sec	106	+1	4.0	4.7	16.5
4½	1½	Lon & Metro	4	...	...	...	...
496	315½	MEPC	494	+2	...	5.1	21.3
9	5	McInerney A	9#	...	...	...	...
135	90	McKay Secs	132↑	...	3.5	3.3	∞
7½	3	Markheath	5½	...	0.5	...	...
42	12	Merivale Mre	42	...	1.0	...	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5#	...	...	...	...
40	29	Moorfield Est	38	...	...	...	...
1250	775	Mountview	1200	-50	20.0	2.1	11.9
163	112	Macklow (A&J)	163	+3	5.9	4.5	22.9
46	30	Olives Prop	36	-1	1.5	5.2	...
10½	3½	Ossory Est	5½	...	0.1	...	1.6
136	88	PSIT	134↑	...	4.1	3.8	26.6
272	138	Peel	272↑	+3	4.0	1.8	∞
16	7	Power Corp	7	...	...	...	0.8
48	22	Property Trust	37	-1	...	...	...
75	38	Raglan	42	-1	...	...	...
29	11	Regalian	20	...	...	...	...
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	130	...	1.5	1.5	34.5
38	16	St Modwen Prp	36	...	0.6	2.1	27.4
70	39	Savills	63	...	...	2.0	24.9
89	15	Scot Met	89	+2	1.5	...	...
105	39	Shaftesbury	99	...	...	...	...
15½	5	Shield	12½	...	...	...	6.5
240	139½	Slough Estates	239	+2½	...	4.2	16.7
82	56	Southend Prop	71	+2	4.2	7.5	∞
28	16	Stanhope Prps♠	24	+1	...	...	...
181	114	Tops Ests	181↑	+3	2.1	1.5	64.5
123	79	Town Centre	123	+1	3.1	3.2	23.0
83	43	Trafford Park	75	-2	2.5	4.3	20.2
11½	3	UK Land	11½	+3½	...	...	...
9½	4	Union Square	5	...	...	...	...
259	180	Warner	258	+2	10.5	5.1	23.6
202	168	Warnford	186↑	...	7.5	5.0	13.8
8	2½	Waterglade	3	...	...	...	...
80	35	Wates	80	...	0.7	1.2	...
76	40	Wood John Dv	67	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	11	Automagic♠	15	...	...	...	...
153½	84	Headlam	153	...	...	2.1	34.5
500	315	Lambert	315	...	13.0	5.2	7.7
100	51	Pittards	63	+5	2.0	4.0	18.0
30	20	Strong & Fisher	27	...	1.0	4.6	7.5
187	89	Stylo	179↑	...	...	2.1	68.5
62	53	UK Safety	61	...	...	23.8	2.0

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
508	408	Allied Text	481↑	-5	12.6	3.3	15.5
69	54	Beckman (A)	65	...	4.7	...	12.9
34	21	Bolton Gp	34	+2	...	...	17.3
170	141	Br Mohair	170	...	8.5	6.2	15.9
53	15	Chartwell♠	40	...	...	...	...
345	298	Claremont Ga	333	...	7.2	2.7	20.8
601	522	Coats Vla	563	...	13.6	3.0	15.4
53½	24½	Cupid♠	29	...	...	...	...
248½	205	Dawson	220	...	...	5.1	16.7
38	22	Drummond	38	+1	...	...	...
37½	27	Dunkeld	28#	...	...	...	...
81	65	Fumpel♠	81	...	...	7.6	12.5
34	15	Foster (John)	22	+2	...	...	...
133	82	Gaskell	117	+1	4.2	4.5	...
198	156	Hicking Pntcst	193	...	...	2.6	15.0
59	45	Jerome (S)	55	...	...	...	...
365	249	Lamont	336	...	12.0	4.5	23.2
506	353½	Leeds	487	...	...	1.9	23.5
42	15	Lister	37	...	0.1	0.3	...
122	78	Lyles (S)	88	...	4.9	7.0	10.0
180	89	Magellan	166	+3	1.4	1.1	...
158	69	Parkland 'A'	156	+1	2.0	1.6	...
102½	82	Readicut	98½	...	...	4.4	18.6
53	35	SEET	46	...	...	...	...
101	72	Sirdar	99	...	5.1	6.5	17.4
73	44	Stirling Gp	69↑	...	1.8	3.4	16.9
51	37	Stoddard	45	...	...	4.2	41.8
312	250	Tomkinsons	300	...	11.5	4.8	25.9
62½	32½	West Trust	36	...	...	8.7	...
206½	126	Yorklyde	182	...	...	3.6	11.9

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
507	407	BAT	474	+3	...	4.9	14.2
743	584½	Rothmans 'B'	671	+13	11.5	2.1	13.3

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
468	349	Assoc Br Ports	460	...	...	2.3	...
813	707	BAA	781	-1	...	2.6	19.4
399½	249	Br Airways	350	...	...	3.8	19.3
106	56	Clarkson (H)	93	...	1.5	2.0	...
23	23	Davies Newman	23#	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	464	-3	...	...	...
54	44	Fisher (James)	54	+3	1.0	2.3	14.5
160	126	Graig	157	...	...	0.8	∞
200	147	IoM Steam	199	...	...	5.0	10.4
34	24	Jacobs (JI)	32	...	0.5	2.0	...
84	41	Lon O'Seas Frs	77	...	...	1.6	15.1
2825	1262½	Manchstr Sh	2825	+50	4.5	0.2	15.4
384	280	Mersey Docks	376	-3	7.5	2.5	24.1
257	181	Natl Express	257	+2	...	3.5	18.4
284	230	NFC	262	+2	6.5	3.1	19.0
322	244	Ocean Group	322	+2	...	5.6	26.8
65	40	Ocean Wilson	60	+1	4.0	8.3	10.9
676	504	P & O Dfd	655	-6	...	5.8	35.5
155	127	P & O 5 1/2%	155	+1	...	4.4	...
558	448	Powell Duffryn	550	+1	...	5.1	21.3
149	117	Seacon♠	149	+1	...	4.3	9.2
141	112	Stagecoach	136	...	...	3.5	∞
43	24	TIP Europe	42	...	1.4	4.2	10.2
60	31½	TNT	53½	-1	...	...	...
773	624	Tibbet & Britn	730	-3	11.8	2.0	28.0
392	173	Tiphook	242	-2	19.3	10.0	...
298	227	TDG	265	...	...	4.5	8.7

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
553	455	Anglian Water	523	+5	...	5.0	10.6
652	547	Northumbrian	625	+4	...	4.5	6.4
537½	431½	North West	526½	+7½	...	5.1	9.4
542	439	Severn Trent	532	+6	...	5.0	8.5
577	454	Sthrn Water	562	+4	...	4.7	9.4
1525	1225	Sth Staffs	1525	...	47.0	3.9	10.9
569	465	South West	558	+9	...	5.3	9.2
563	454	Thames Water	533	+8	...	4.9	10.4
631	506	Welsh Water	623	+7	...	4.7	9.3
649	536	Wessex Water	633	+10	...	4.2	9.5
593	477½	Yorkshire W	542	+1	...	4.9	9.2

Source: Finstat

♠ USM; # Price at suspension; ↑ Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ↓ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

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SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
100½	99³⁄₃₂	Fund 6% 1993	100↑	...	6.00	...
106½	101½	Treas 13¾% 1993	102	-½	13.48	5.60
102¹⁵⁄₁₆	101½	Treas 8¼% 1994	101⅝	-⅛	8.39	5.50
109½	104⅞	Treas 14½% 1994	104⅞	-⅛	13.83	5.43
109½	105⅛	Exch 13½% 1994	105⅜	-⅛	12.81	5.43
105⅞	103½	Treas 10% 1994	103½	-⅛	9.65	5.38
110½	106⅝	Exch 12½% 1994	106⅝	-⅛	11.69	5.39
105⅝	103⅝	Treas 9% 1994	104½	-⅛	8.63	5.37
111⅝	108½	Treas 12% 1995	108⅝	...	11.02	5.42
97	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	96⅝	...	3.09	4.85
109½	107½	Exch 10¼% 1995	108⅜	-⅛	9.46	5.54
116½	113½	Treas 12¾% 1995	114⅝	-⅛	11.12	5.65
120½	117⅝	Treas 14% 1996	118⅝	-⅛	11.83	5.81
125½	121⅝	Treas 15¼% 1996	122½	...	12.41	5.96
120⅝	116½	Exch 13¼% 1996	118½	-⅛	11.21	5.91
111½	108½	Conv 10% 1996	111½	-⅛	9.08	6.05
122⅝	118⅝	Treas 13¼% 1997	121½	-⅛	10.92	6.30
113½	110⅝	Exch 10½% 1997	113½↑	-⅛	9.26	6.18
109	105½	Treas 8¾% 1997	108½↑	-⅛	8.04	6.21
132⅝	127⅝	Exch 15% 1997	130⅝	-⅛	11.48	6.49
112⅝	109⅝	Exch 9¾% 1998	112⅝	...	8.65	6.38
103½	99⅝	Treas 7¼% 1998	103⅝	...	6.98	6.27
101½	97⅝	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	101⅛	-⅛	6.68	6.47
129½	125⅝	Treas 14% 1998-01	129⅝	-⅛	10.85	6.73

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
138⅝	133⅝	Treas 15½% 1998	138⅝	+⅛	11.22	6.56
123⅝	118½	Exch 12% 1998	123⅝	+⅛	9.74	6.67
113⅝	108⅝	Treas 9½% 1999	113½	+⅛	8.38	6.51
125⅝	120⅝	Exch 12¼% 1999	125½	+⅛	9.78	6.75
118⅝	112⅝	Treas 10½% 1999	118½	+⅛	8.88	6.62
118½	112⅝	Conv 10¼% 1999	118½	+⅛	8.68	6.64
112⅝	106	Conv 9% 2000	112⅝↑	+⅛	7.98	6.57
132⅝	125½	Treas 13% 2000	132⅝	+⅛	9.78	6.90
118½	109⅝	Treas 10% 2001	118½↑	+⅛	8.47	6.86
118⅝	108½	Treas 9¾% 2002	118⅝↑	+⅛	8.24	6.97
108½	97½	Treas 8% 2003	108½	+⅛	7.39	6.82
121½	109½	Treas 10% 2003	121½↑	+⅛	8.24	6.99
125½	116½	Treas 11½% 2001-04	125½↑	+⅛	9.19	7.14
80½	67⅝	Fund 3½% 1999-04	80½	+½	4.36	5.97
117⅝	105½	Conv 9½% 2004	117⅝	+⅛	8.06	7.13
118½	105½	Conv 9½% 2005	118½	+⅛	8.03	7.16
136½	124⅝	Treas 12½% 2003-05	136½	+⅛	9.17	7.37
106½	94⅝	Treas 8% 2002-06	106½	+½	7.54	7.25
129⅝	118⅝	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	129⅝	+⅛	9.06	7.32
110½	97⅝	Treas 8½% 2007	110½	+⅛	7.67	7.23
144⅝	131⅝	Treas 13½% 2004-08	144⅝	+⅛	9.35	7.38

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115⅝	101½	Treas 9% 2008	115⅝	+⅛	7.77	7.25
106⅝	92⅝	Treas 8% 2009	106⅝	+⅛	7.49	7.27
116½	100½	Conv 9% 2011	116½	+⅛	7.70	7.28
117½	100⅝	Treas 9% 2012	117½	+⅛	7.67	7.28
85⅝	70½	Treas 5½% 2008-12	85⅝↑	+⅛	6.47	6.91
105⅝	89½	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	105½	-⅛	7.37	7.22
107½	93⅝	Treas 8% 2013	107½	+⅛	7.46	7.30
146⅝	125⅝	Exch 12% 2013-17	146⅝	+½	8.17	7.46
116⅝	97⅝	Treas 8¾% 2017	116⅝↑	+⅛	7.52	7.29

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
47½	38½	War Ln 3½%	47½	+⅛	7.43	...
34⅝	27⅝	Treas 2½%	33⅝	+⅛	7.37	...

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
134½	131½	Treas IL 2% 1994	134½	...	...	1.13
199⅝	194⅝	Treas IL 2% 1996	198½↑	...	1.87	2.65
109½	105⅝	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	109½	+⅛	2.23	2.81
168½	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	167½	+⅛	2.79	3.12
164⅝	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	164½	+⅛	2.92	3.20
112⅝	105½	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	112⅝	-⅛	2.96	3.23
172⅝	159½	Treas IL 2% 2006	172⅝	+⅛	2.99	3.20
157½	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	157½	+⅛	3.11	3.30
164⅝	148⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2011	163½↑	+⅛	3.15	3.32
135⅝	122⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2013	135⅝	+⅛	3.17	3.32
146	130⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2016	146	+⅛	3.18	3.33
141½	124⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2020	141½	+⅛	3.22	3.34
118⅝	102½	Treas IL 2½% 2024	118½	+⅛	3.22	3.33
118½	103½	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	118⅝	+⅛	3.23	3.35

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MANAGEMENT

Sacked council workers have won a battle in their war to win back jobs. **Rodney Hobson** reports

Dust-up over the garbage jobs

The government's policy of contracting out public services has finally met resistance from trade unions alarmed at the disappearance of jobs and the rehiring of staff on poorer pay and conditions.

Dustmen at Eastbourne have won a test case at an employment appeal tribunal, and computer staff at Cambridge have staged a one-day strike in protest at the selection of a contractor with no direct local government experience.

The East Sussex case strikes at the heart of the government's contention that European Community regulations protecting wages and conditions when one business takes over another do not apply to contractors taking over public services.

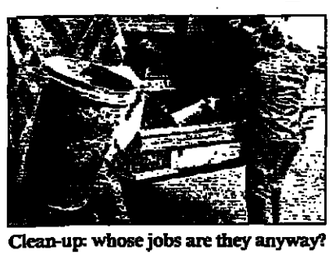
Eastbourne council's refuse collection was put to competitive tender in October 1990 and although 40 former council staff were kept on when UK Waste Control won the contract, 18 lost their jobs.

The sacked men claim they were sent to a JobCentre, where they saw their jobs being advertised at lower wages and with poorer conditions.

An industrial tribunal in Brighton rejected a claim for unfair dismissal but, backed by the Transport and General Workers Union, they appealed and won the right to have the case reheard, taking the EC directive into account.

The argument is over Tupe, as the 1981 Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment Regulations) is known.

If these regulations apply to contracting-out council services, the potential savings for the government and local authorities are greatly reduced. John Hall, the director general of the Cleaning and Support Services Association, estimates that costs have been cut by about 20 per cent across the board.



Clean-up: whose jobs are they anyway?

Mr Hall says he is sympathetic towards those who lose jobs or suffer pay cuts but points out: "This is government policy. It is not the contractors who are getting the benefit. The savings are being made by the government on behalf of the exchequer."

Mr Hall hopes that Tupe will not cover all contracts and he has made an urgent plea to the government to clarify the issue.

He says: "We've have had an acknowledgement saying our views will be considered but the longer the government leaves a decision, the greater the problem is going to be."

He wants contractors to have the right to renegotiate contracts signed on the assumption that Tupe did not apply and for the normal three-year contract term to be extended to five years to allow more time for natural wastage and reorganisation to produce savings.

Mr Hall is also concerned that local authorities often supply insufficient information, making it difficult for contractors to judge the right price to bid at. He also wants a warranty written into every contract guaranteeing the provision and accuracy of full information on employees and their terms and conditions.

The dispute at Cambridge council raises the question of whether "market testing" is simply a euphemism for selling to the highest bidder.

The council invited tenders for companies to run its information technology department. Of eight applicants, CMS and ITnet were short-listed. Staff visited both companies and plumped for ITnet.

Their choice, a subsidiary of Cadbury Schweppes, already runs facilities for Birmingham council and other local authorities. Its 600 staff include 450 former council employees. CMS, owned by British Steel, is new to local government.

The council, however, selected CMS and a deal will be signed next month, allowing CMS to take over on October 1.

Mrs Christine Farnish, assistant to Cambridge council's chief executive, says: "The financial difference was quite substantial. CMS has 40 employees with recent local government experience and a partnership with Rotherham council. We want experts in computers, not necessarily in local government."

She says that CMS had given a guarantee that jobs are safe in Cambridge for at least 18 months.

THE TIMES/PROCORD OFFICE COSTS INDEX

Instant facts on cost

What is claimed to be the most comprehensive and sophisticated index charting facilities management costs has been launched by Procord, one of the top four companies in the field. *The Times* facilities management pages, now appearing monthly, will feature the computerised index at the end of each quarter now that this launch index, reflecting the first half of this year, has been published. The index for the third quarter to the end of September will appear on October 20.

Procord, as a one-time subsidiary of IBM from which its managers staged a buy-out, is strong on information technology but has greatly widened its scope in both consultancy and management. The index is based on hard data from more than 100 large offices across the United Kingdom with which Procord deals on either a facilities management or consultancy basis.

Prue Redfern, Procord's business development manager, said: "We are breaking new ground in being able to look at actual costs and to throw up averages for different types of buildings from the most modern and sophisticated to the older or smaller ones. We can call up the experience of closely comparable buildings which show immediately whether a company is getting a reasonable deal or whether the costs are unusually high."

Procord has been collecting data for two years with intensive development of the index over the past 12 months. Average costs are given for all the key sectors from catering, cleaning and security to management, maintenance and communications. The averages are for medium to high grade offices.

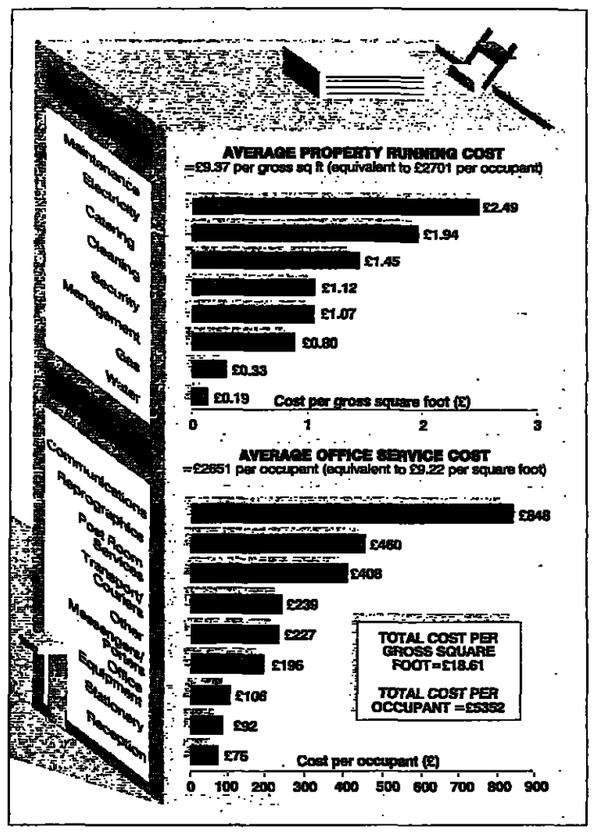
The index database contains key variables to ensure that like is compared with like on property costs. These take account of location, age of building, the last major refit, state of air conditioning, whether the property is leased or owned and the number of employees. Rent, rates, service charge, insurance and depreciation are not included because they depend on location. Nor does the index include any cost of small project work, furniture, information technology installations and VAT.

Procord, as a consultancy, can readily take an individual building and assess a wide series of costings, or what should be its costings, against comparable market data. That nevertheless still leaves the elements, arising from the locational factors, which will still have to be weighed by a company and its advisers.

The Procord index identifies average annual costs for medium to high grade offices at £18.61 a square foot. The annual cost per occupant of a building is put at £5,352. In cost per square foot communications is by far the biggest element, but much of spending goes on maintenance, electricity, reprographics and post room services, as well as the more obvious elements like catering, cleaning and security.

The database has already thrown up some unexpected insights. Adam Burstow, who has been conducting the analyses, found that while property running costs in central London might be expected to be high, some elements were noticeably low. Cleaners, for instance, are cheaper in the North of England than in the South. But in the North, because skilled labour is harder to secure, maintenance and engineering costs are pushed up.

DEREK HARRIS



Why security is a key factor

British firms are starting to appreciate the importance and cost of risk management

Average location security cost according to *The Times*/Procord Index is £1.07 per square foot. However, the range runs extremely wide, from 30p to £3.59 per square foot, *Derek Harris writes.*

The reasons for this were investigated by Adam Burstow, who is the facilities cost management consultant at Procord. He said: "Our evidence suggests that the high-cost locations are as well managed as any other. They simply face a higher risk."

What recent experience has rammed home is that security risks can be critical not only to the success of a business but even its survival. Procord also maintains that even now some companies do not fully appreciate what risks they face — whether it is somebody hacking into company computer systems, stealing trade secrets or petty thieving of important supplies.

Risk management is becoming much more a main board issue. Some estimates suggest that decisions of this kind are settled at board level by two thirds of companies. It could signal progress in dealing with one of the key problems of the British security industry — its image. In the past the recruitment of low paid and low skilled guards created the image problem but there has been some improvement. According to the British Security Industry Association (BSIA) the average wage of guards among its member companies has now been raised to £3.50 an hour for a 54-hour week, with in excess of £3.90 an hour being paid in London and the southeast.

Procord cites companies where security guards have become a highly skilled breed, trained in customer care, first aid, fire awareness, incident management, health and safety and key criminal evidence Acts. What also emerges is how guards need to be well trained in the use of the complex array of technology now used to protect many buildings.

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Look ahead and reduce the risks of a calamity

What do you do in the worst scenario, when natural or man-made disaster strikes? **Derek Harris** reports

Disasters occur with remarkable regularity and can cost companies dear, says Alan Kell, a director of DEGW ETL, a leading consultant in the area of workplace management.

Mr Kell has particularly developed the consultancy's capabilities in organising disaster planning. The recent terrorist bombings in London may have turned this sort of planning into a high-profile subject, he says, but many other developments can pose extreme problems.

In Britain in recent years, Mr Kell points out, there have been the great storms of 1987 and 1989 and the 1990 Chester area earthquake. It was mainly because of the two storms that reinsurers put the United Kingdom among the five international regions most exposed to catastrophic weather risk.

The insurance industry expects property owners in coastal areas to find it less easy in future to obtain cover, following the spectacular descent into the North Sea of the Holbeck Hall Hotel on the cliffs above Scarborough. The hotel was substantially insured for no extra premium because the property had been 300 yards or more from the cliffs and had not been regarded as a serious risk.

Mr Kell draws a distinction between contingency planning and disaster recovery planning. Contingency planning deals with the day-to-day risks that might upset the smooth running of a business. Disaster recovery, on the other hand, means thinking the unthinkable: if abandoning ship is the only answer, what is in place to provide another ship?

Barry Varcoe, a partner in charge of the facilities management division at BWA (Bernard Williams Associates), has also found that, until the IRA's bombs focused minds on the problem of maintaining premises housing information technology networks, vulnerable equipment and key personnel had seldom been addressed.

Research by IBM showed that 80 per cent of companies falling foul of computer disaster and without having made contingency plans went bankrupt within 18 months.

> 'The small company could lose its trade for good'

Another 10 per cent went the same way within five years.

However, a recent survey conducted by Loughborough University for IBM suggested that 90 per cent of companies leave disaster planning to their IT department. The survey raised a question mark over how many plans were actually workable, while even among those with formal disaster plans more than half the schemes were a year old and nearly a third more than two years old. Yet, with the pace of technological change, it was questionable how far such plans were meeting needs after a mere six months.

There is the much-told tale of an American telecommunications company in the early days of IT protection. The company felt secure in having as a last resort, if all electricity supplies failed, a battery bank that would save its records for hours. But when the electricity supply did fail, and the batteries duly bridged the gap, there was no alert mechanism to give a warning of the mains supply failure. Of course, the battery power, extensive as it was, eventually petered out.

Industry learning curves have overtaken that kind of problem. In the wake of the recent IRA bomb blast in Bishopsgate the National Westminster Bank's communications were quickly restored because America's AT&T was able to switch systems readily to another location.

The big companies have placed disaster planning nearer to the top of main board priorities. What worries Mr Varcoe is that many medium-sized and smaller businesses could still be at risk. "Customers would find another source for their goods or services and the small company could well lose its trade for good," he says.

Some lessons that sprang from a water problem as hundreds of gallons poured from a roof into Norwich City Hall are identified by John Turner, the assistant director of administration. A chain of unlikely events made it difficult to reach the building surveyor who had relevant drawings of the building. So a foolproof system of 24-hour contact has now been established with up-to-date and accurate drawings readily available.

"The only other important lesson relates to the need to review disaster plan arrangements regularly and frequently," Mr Turner says. "Many problems could have been overcome by better advance preparation."

Going to work on an ecosystem: the Solent Village in Whiteley is a typical example of the new breed of business park

Plants – and machinery

The landscaper's art has become big business as managements go green

It all dates back to the days of the Aztec — the Aztec business park near Bristol, that is. For more than a decade the consultants who design the landscaping have been key players in putting the drudgery of work into an idyllic pastoral setting.

Tim Gale, a partner in Edwards Gale, a London firm of landscape architects, says: "Aztec Park set the tone for the development of business parks. During the early 1980s developers realised that the external environment that allowed them to sell the development as country park space was a key issue."

Mr Gale has now been involved in the landscaping of more than a dozen business parks. He says experts on landscape architecture are brought in on a par with professionals such as engineers and building architects.

Because parking always covers a large proportion of the site — business parks were sold on the basis that all employees and clients of the occupants could come by car to a semi-rural setting — landscaping the rest of the area assumed even greater importance.

He says: "The priority for developers today is to keep spending lower, but planning authorities are keen to make sure that the standards of landscaping are maintained at a high level." Developers say they need to bring in outside experts on landscaping because every site is different. Geoff Tipping, the director in charge of business parks at London & Edinburgh Trust, has certainly seen some contrasts. He says: "Stockley Park at Heathrow was a 300-acre rubbish tip. A lunar landscape of the most appalling proportions. It was converted over 10 years into a glistening park. The landscape consultants started with a totally blank canvas. Nothing was retained."

In Scotland, London & Edinburgh Trust called on landscape architect Simon Hurst to modernise the park at Hillington, near Glasgow. Mr Tipping says: "It was a very large industrial estate, built between the wars when landscaping was not an important feature. The infrastructure was wearing out. Simon Hurst is very creative and talented at using a small amount of space. Some strips of land were no wider than a road."

Crewe Business Park was designed to incorporate a wildlife plan developed by the local council and Cheshire County Council. It was formed from 63 acres of college playing fields and agricultural and industrial land.

Doreen McKenna, senior environmental development officer with Crewe and Nantwich Council, says: "When we started the business park about six years ago we sought advice from local environmentalists and incorporated their wildlife management plan into our proposals. We have ponds with ducks and water hens, a fresh water stream, natural grassland and a hedge dating back to 1740.

"We have encouraged all the tenants in the park to take an interest. People do appreciate it. There is a nice air of peace yet we are only five minutes from the M6 and just three minutes from Crewe railway station."

Spending on landscaping is typically about 10 per cent of the total cost of a development, so a £10 million business park would have about £1 million spent on the grounds.

At Hillington, it cost £1 million to provide landscaping, signs and street furniture for the 2.5 million square feet of work space.

Mr Tipping says: "Landscaping has become the most important element of a quality business park, as with any form of low-density development. How you treat the huge external area is critical. We work on the landscaping at a very early stage. At the start it is the only physical thing on the plan."

Mr Tipping believes it is important to incorporate existing topographical features in the landscaping. He says: "Existing vegetation gives a mature look and the way the land drains, how the water flows out and where it flows to, is significant. There are pragmatic engineering reasons for keeping it the way it is."

Once a park is in operation however, it will require upkeep. Mr Tipping says: "All landscaping, no matter how rural, needs looking after. In any business park almost every day you will see an army of people keeping it tidy."

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Looking ahead

MARILYN Standley, the new chairman of the Association of Facilities Managers (AFM), has set out her priorities in anticipation of the AFM's planned merger with the Institute of Facilities Management (IFM).

One priority will be to promote women's involvement in the profession while another will be to encourage greater understanding of the value of facilities management in the building procurement process.

Ms Standley, who is director of facilities management for the Longman Group, will head the merged professional bodies from September 1, the launch date for the new entity. For the time being it will be known as AFM & IFM until the combined membership chooses a new name by ballot.

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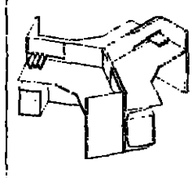

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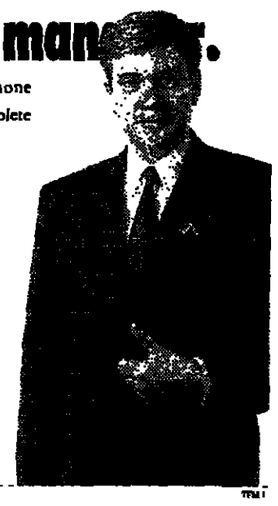

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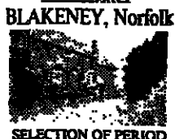

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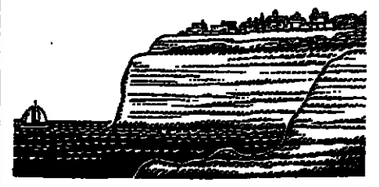

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The reality of selling a house, below, is still stressful, although estate agents have been trying to become more professional, right

The unsold house: should an old maids' club be formed for it?

Who will love my house?

House-proud: Liz Gerard tends her garden as the summer buying season comes to its inevitable end — and still no suitor for her home

All praise to Sally Moon. Not simply for distributing her errant husband's vintage wines among the neighbours in the world's most glorious milk round — admirable as that escapade was — but for recognising that self-help groups are just the thing when times get tough. They are cheaper and more satisfying than a trip to the therapist and you get to talk to many more wacky people.

So I'm going to follow her example. Her lot are called the Old Bags; our lot will be the Old Maids. Her cheerful band have been deserted: we have never been taken from the shelf. Sadly we watch as others are courted and cosseted into a new life of domestic bliss. Occasionally, someone might look us over — but then they cross to the other side of the street in search of a prettier rival with a more appealing disposition. The Old Maids will understand the hell of trying to sell a house in a buyer's market.

When our group gets going, the telephone wires of Britain will be hissing as we swap tales about surveyors, banks, building societies, mortgage brokers and the rest.

Naturally, we shall reserve our strongest venom for those who traditionally let down the old maid hardest: the matchmaker and the suitor — or in our terms, the estate agent and the buyer. Oh, the promises they make, the hearts they break.

Everything seems to start so well. In marches the man with the red Fiesta, clipboard in one hand, electronic measuring gadget in the other. All smiles and confidence, he admires the hall, the drawing room, the conservatory, the kitchen tiles. "Oh yes," he says. "This sort of property is always in demand." By the time he gets upstairs, his zappy measuring machine has run out of batteries and he has to risk his Stayprest trousers scrabbling across the dusty floor with a wooden ruler, but he keeps smiling: nothing is too much trouble.

Outside, he marvels at the herbaceous border, envies the roses, compliments your skill with the lawn mower. Then he takes a picture of the dustbin and the outside loo. Back indoors, he sinks into the specially plumped-up cushions and gets down to business. There will be photographs in *Country Life*, a thousand branches will hold details of your home and distribute them to the hundreds of potential buyers. You thought it was worth only £120,000? He wants to try for 145.

He tells you his fee; you wince: he reduces it if you agree to have a board outside. Even before the Fiesta has skidded out of the drive, another man with a van is hammering a sign to the garden gate.

And so the first ritual has been played out. The phone will start ringing in the morning; people will beat a path to your door.

You must be kidding.

For a start, it takes more than a week for the agent to send the draft particulars and when they arrive, the photograph is out of focus, the room sizes all wrong and the best features underplayed.

You pick up the phone. "Why haven't you said 'cast-iron Victorian fireplaces?' " you say. "Oh, can't do that," says the man who has already found a better match to make. Misdescriptions Act, £5,000 fine, can't prove it. How do I know it's cast-iron — or Victorian?

"Silly me," you reply, plunging to the depths of sarcasm. "I wasn't reckoning on your perception. Of course they're really little *papier maché* numbers I rustled up a couple of weeks back just to fool the punters." You put down the phone.

Another week goes by, then another. You read about the market picking up, about the shortage of houses coming up for sale. What about mine, you think.

Here the Old Maids will really come into their own. Brothers, sisters, dinner-party companions do not want to hear your sorry saga, but Old Maids will savour every whinge. It's so satisfying to hear that someone else is having a torrid time. The more experienced Maids will tell you to cheer up. If you're depressed now, just wait until the viewers start arriving.

Finally, someone makes an appointment. You try all the old tricks: mow the lawn *and* trim the edges, hide the cat litter, kick out the kids, bake bread, make fresh coffee. After five hours' housework, you try to compose yourself as you hear a car pull up; mustn't seem too eager.

Mum, Dad and three brats sweep in, charge around in five minutes, murmur something about "potential" and are off to the next house before you can lift the coffee pot.

Another week goes by, then another. Nobody comes. You call in a second estate agent, who charms you with the same old patter, the same old promises. Confidence is restored. Still nobody comes. Now you have two agents to berate: soon you will have four, six, or eight — and eight different interpretations of your room sizes. The recovery is media hype, they say, there's no "middle market", they say. "Only first-timers' houses are moving," they say. "We haven't sold a house over £100,000 this year," they say. Then they begin to mutter about dropping the price, hinting that you are too greedy, too unrealistic. You knock ten grand off.

Then another week goes by, and another. You feel first jealous, then doubtful about other desperate sellers' tales of weekly viewings: are they like men boasting of sexual conquests — think of a number and multiply by nine — and if they really are getting so many people round, shouldn't they be building a more lasting relationship with at least one of them?

Slowly, the number of viewers overtakes the number of agents handling the sale. Sensible house-hunters nominate one person to do a recce before bringing the rest of the family. Not your viewers, though: the whole tribe arrives every time. They open your cupboards, malign your taste in wallpaper, talk cruelly of knocking down walls, bulldozing flower beds, and ask silly questions about damp courses and subsidence just to sound knowledgable. You wish that they would go away.

One woman tells of the second-hand car salesman who worked out that he could put 14 cars in her garden, and of the extended family who were more interested in a champagne party next door than in her house.

She finally snapped when one viewer complained: "You're garage is cleaner than my house." Showing her the door, she declared: "Well, if you're that filthy, I don't want you living in my house. Good day." Three cheers for her.

Eventually, someone will make an offer — £40,000 below the starting price — and you will be made to feel really guilty if you say you can't drop that much.

If you're desperate, you will. Then you'll get three better offers within days and start to wonder if gazumping is really so sinful. If you say "no", nobody will come near you for weeks. Finally, though, you will meet your match and feel wonderful. But beware: this is the moment you really will need Old Maids.

You will think you've won the race, but you've just reached the first hurdle. With bank managers, surveyors and solicitors waiting to pounce, the worst is yet to come.

LIZ GERARD

Era of the new model agent

You may blame estate agents for all the stress that accompanies selling your house, but agents have been trying to improve their standards.

The career has become increasingly structured and regulated, although much remains to be done because it is still the case that anyone can open their doors as an estate agent tomorrow.

But steps have been taken to improve the training and qualification of agents. Last autumn a new qualifiction for estate agents was introduced, organised by the Residential Estate Agency Training and Education Association. Although piecemeal qualifications already exist, including the certificate of practice in estate agency, the arrival of the National Vocational Qualification has the credibility of a government-led scheme. NVQs will have wider application throughout the industry than any previous training.

An NVQ is a quality symbol describing standards of competence for several professions. Estate agency now comes within its remit, thanks to the City and Guilds institute, which has devised the qualification with the residential training association. Assessment involves close observation of activities and products.

Such training is to be welcomed. The legacy of Margaret Thatcher's dislike of closed shops means that the government is still resisting more formal registration. Agents themselves have taken steps to encourage training and qualifications in the field.

In contrast, the Property Misdescriptions Act has been forced on agents by law, even though agents were at the forefront in the push for such legislation. Most welcome the fact that is now a criminal offence for agents to make false or misleading statements about property or land they are offering for sale.

Then there is the murky world of lies, damned lies and estate agents' statistics - or rather the lack of them. Even a year ago, few were available, apart from the National Association of Estate Agents's monthly housing-market report, which relied chiefly on anecdotal evidence.

The arrival of the Ombudsman for Corporate Estate Agents property index has done much to help produce an accurate picture of what is happening to the market, and to help the image of agents as professionals at the same time.

The index, is made up of figures from the large body of corporate estate agents, whose members represent 50 per cent of the market. The figures show not just houses sold, but new instructions and how many sales have been agreed for six weeks' time, both key leading indicators. Few people can afford to wait until figures produced by the Inland Revenue of sales levels monitored by the paying of stamp duty appear three or four months after a sale has been completed.

There are those reforming estate agents who would like to see still more steps taken in the campaign to make estate agents respected professionals as their counterparts are on the Continent and in America. They say little more should be done to estate agents themselves. The real area for reform is the laws governing buying and selling in Britain, not the vehicles that merely carry out the law: the agents. Gazumping, which is starting to return as the recession ends, remains a sore on the face of estate agency. Buyers will forever direct their wrath at the agent for lost surveying fees and their time and energy, even though it is not the agents' fault in the first place.

Until such abuses are curbed, all the advances that have been made in the past year in terms of the increased professionalism, accuracy and standards of training among agents, are in danger of being overshadowed by the continuing irritation of the public.

RACHEL KELLY

Gazumping remains a sore on the face of estate agency

Where top people live

How many roads must a trendy house-hunter walk down?

In the shifting sands of social snobbery about smart addresses, two new pointers emerged last week. The first was from the society magazine, *Harpers & Queen*, which sought to establish the choicest county in which to live, *Rachel Kelly writes.*

Its conclusions were predictable for gossip-column readers. Counties are defined by those who live in them: the more royals, the better, so the smartest county is royal Gloucestershire, as it has been for the last decade. A house on the right side of the border could easily justify a 10 per cent premium.

The least desirable home county is Essex, which *H&Q* says, "spells shiny suits, oversized pools in under-sized gardens, new money, new development and not enough pretty countryside". Surrey is equally undesirable, redolent of worthy commuters, whereas East and West Sussex is "real country".

Other socially superior counties are Hampshire, Dorset and Oxfordshire, where addresses carry a price premium. In London, "Hampstead is fashionable... West Hampstead definitely is not. Richmond has style, but cross the Thames to buy in Twickenham and you have stepped off the property catwalk".

A second pointer came with the news that the man who revolutionised rock 'n' roll has been looking at an Edwardian semi in north London. Bob Dylan has been inspecting a £300,000, three-storey, six-bedroom, red-brick house in leafy Birchington Road, London N8, once the heart of sleepy suburbia.

Even a rock legend, it seems, must sometimes telephone estate agents. "He rang several weeks ago," says Steve Herman, of Tatlers, a Crouch End agency. "He had seen photographs of the house in our window."

Mr Dylan is blowin' with the wind of fashion. "Crouch End", Mr Herman says, "has become trendy. It used to be dominated by middle-class families but recently plenty of affluent younger people have moved in.

"Now it is full of smart places for discerning people. If you were to walk down Crouch End dressed in a peculiar fashion it would be accepted."

Mr Dylan is said to be very taken with the leafy suburb's village-like atmosphere and the proximity of Dave Stewart, co-founder of the Eurythmics, whose recording studio the American performer has used.

Dylan: London search

He is also said to have been impressed by all the mod cons on offer in the Birchington Road house, which has a whirlpool bath, gold taps and expensive decor. The drawing room and dining room are decorated in neutral pastels, and the curtains are ruched.

Just like a woman, Mr Dylan was said to be impressed by the solid granite work tops and integrated appliances in the kitchen.

The house's owners, Sandra and Stephen Parker, who are also fans, were stunned when Mr Dylan knocked on their door to look at the house.

Mrs Parker says: "I was a bit annoyed because he and the agent were an hour early. I told them to wait while I let the dog out."

The singer spent 15 minutes looking around the Parkers' home. Should he decide to live there, *H&Q's* survey may need to be updated.

Underground culture takes on a new meaning when the National Trust is involved

Between the rock and a hard place

Hole world at his feet: Julian Thompson in one of the cave houses at Kinver, Staffordshire

The past 2,000 years have been spent trying to shake off the image of the caveman, of wooden clubs, animal skins for clothes and rampant misogyny. And if this has been only partially successful, at least we have managed to get out of what passed for houses in that era — holes in the earth.

Of course, caves have often been inhabited in the intervening period, but usually by hermits or people fleeing religious persecution. They have become distinctly unfashionable and the word troglodyte is now a term of abuse.

But since it seems that all things must return, even those — like the Seventies, which some of us did not much like the first time around — caves are back. Along with *Jurassic Park* and the coming *Flintstones* film, it seems we may be witnessing a Stone Age revival of mammoth proportions, or perhaps it is just that becoming a troglodyte is a radical solution to late 20th-century housing.

Caves is probably too harsh a description for the properties at Holy Austin Rock at Kinver in Staffordshire. After all, this is England and they are owned by the National Trust. So these are a genteel version of a cave dwelling. Indeed, from the front they look like Victorian cottages. But behind the terraced façade all is not what it seems because the body of the house is carved into the soft sandstone rock.

Julian Thompson who has been living with his wife, Judith, in the two-bedroom cave house at Kinver Edge since the end of April, does not see himself as a latter-day troglodyte. The couple are tenants of the trust and he is employed as a part-time custodian of the site. Mr Thompson, who runs a business consultancy from home, was once in the army, so he is used to patrolling.

He says that the house has all mod cons, is quite spacious and "after a few initial teething problems, is settling down and drying out".

The plan to reoccupy these unusual houses was the solution to a persistent problem of vandalism. Richard Offen, who is in charge of the trust's fund-raising for the project, explains that there was a danger of "losing what remained of the rock houses, which are an important part of Black Country social history".

There are records of settlements on the site since the 17th century. At its height in the middle of the last century, up to 80 people were living there. It seems that life in caves was preferable to living down below in the industrial slums.

The last residents were moved out by environmental health officials in the 1950s, and the gradual mindless destruction began. The trust acquired the remains in 1964 and after much deliberation evolved the plan to restore one of the houses and install a custodian to deter the vandals.

John Greaves Smith is the local architect employed by the trust for the restoration. He was lucky enough to be able to work from the many postcards of the settlement because Kinver Edge has long been a popular tourist attraction. He also discovered beneath a layer of sand the old wall lines.

The physical and photographic evidence means that Mr Smith has been able to achieve a very precise re-creation and use authentic sandstone from a nearby collapsed barn for it.

Behind the three reproduced gables, originally façades to three separate one-up, one-down cottages, Mr Smith has created one house. These expanded proportions have enabled him to comply with many modern building regulations and provide the Thompsons with comfortable accommodation.

Although these houses were certainly at the more sophisticated end of the cave market, Mr Smith was surprised at the lengths the original builders went to in building what are extraordinary equivalents of an ordinary Victorian villa.

The trust spent about £300,000, of which £180,000 went on the house and the rest on archaeology and site preparation. Mr Offen is delighted not only with the restoration but also with the success of the plan. He says the difference is staggering and that "vandalism seems to have ended".

The trust has also achieved the fine balance between retaining access to bona fide visitors and protecting the historic remains.

There is now a boundary and Mr Thompson shuts the gates at 7pm. He says the main task was getting "locals to accept that it is now a managed site and not a piece of wild countryside".

Apart from "a couple of surly youngsters", everyone has been very amenable. He is looking forward to more development, but this depends on fund-raising.

The trust has plans to reopen other rock houses and re-furnish one, but not for occupation, merely for display. So the Thompsons will continue to be among Britain's only cave people.

JAMES FISHER

Rock of aged: in their heyday in the middle of the last century, 80 people lived in the caves

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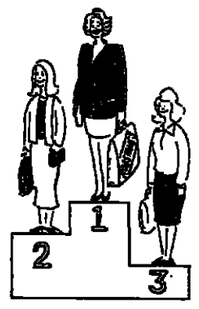

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PUBLIC NOTICES

CARDWELL nee THORPE MARY DOREEN CARDWELL nee THORPE late of Wakefield, West Yorkshire died there on 26th February 1993.
(Estate about £97,000)

CARNE otherwise TAYLOR-CARNE otherwise CARNE-TAYLOR otherwise TAYLOR-CARNE nee TAYLOR, SUSAN CARNE otherwise SUSAN TAYLOR otherwise SUSAN TAYLOR-CARNE otherwise SUSAN CARNE-TAYLOR nee TAYLOR WIDOW late of Felixstowe, Suffolk died there on 1st January 1993
(Estate about £60,000)

CLARK, IAN CLARK late of Stockwell, London SW9 died at Denmark Hill, London SE5 on 21st January 1991
(Estate about £22,000)

CLOWERY otherwise CLOWEY, PHILIP CLOWERY otherwise PHILIP PATRICK CLOWERY otherwise PHILIP PATRICK CLOWEY late of Surbiton, Surrey died there on 11th October 1992
(Estate about £25,000)

DEGG, HARRY DEGG late of Stafford died there on 31st March 1993
(Estate about £40,000)

GREEN, MALCOLM JAMES GREEN otherwise MALCOLM GREEN late of Grimsby, North Humberside died at Sheffield, South Yorkshire on 10 November 1991
(Estate about £100,000)

HAGUE, DORIS HAGUE, SPINSTER late of Winsford, Cheshire died at Sandbach, Cheshire on 14th December 1992
(Estate about £22,000)

JENNINGS, EDITH JENNINGS SPINSTER late of Macclesfield, Cheshire died there on 4th March 1992
(Estate about £6,400)

KENNET, FRANK THOMAS KENNETT late of Portsmouth, Hampshire died there on 22 July 1992
(Estate about £18,000)

KING, CHARLES FREDERICK KING late of Portishead, Avon died there on 27th January 1993
(Estate about £26,000)

MILZ nee EDEL BERTHA MILZ nee EDEL, WIDOW late of Highgate, London N6 died there on 4th September 1988
(Estate about £50,000)

NICHOLS, BERNARD GEORGE ACLAND NICHOLS late of Bristol, Avon died there on 5th October 1992
(Estate about £12,000)

RAMSAY otherwise RAY, LESLIE ALFRED RAMSAY otherwise LESLIE RAMSAY otherwise LESLIE RAY late of St John's Wood, London NW3 died at Bloomsbury, London WC1 on 7th June 1992
(Estate about £28,000)

SHELTON, FLORENCE ELIZABETH MAY SHELTON SPINSTER late of Stretford, Essex died there on 16th August 1992
(Estate about £16,000)

SWAN nee BROWNING, MARY HELEN SWAN otherwise HELEN MARY SWAN nee BROWNING WIDOW late of Watford, Hertfordshire died at Northwood, Middlesex on 9th June 1992
(Estate about £84,000)

The kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (B.V.), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

LEGAL NOTICES

DONALD HECTOR HARTLEY late of Nerrogin Nursing Home Williams Road Narrogin Western Australia formerly of Corrigin Western Australia Retired Farmer deceased.

The above-named deceased was the son of Marion Hartley (nee Holt) and John Miller Hartley. Marion Hartley (nee Holt) was the daughter of John Holt and Sarah Holt (nee Quartermaine) who were married on the 24 November 1866. Marion Hartley (nee Holt) had four brothers and four sisters namely Marianne born 15 May 1868 died 18 November 1872, Harry born 5 July 1869, Arthur born 8 February 1871 died 12 May 1956, Jane born 4 November 1872, Lilian born 13 June 1874 died 13 November 1952, William Henry born 8 December 1876, Sarah Emma born 14 April 1880 died 19 September 1974 and John Richard born 10 April 1883 died 17 January 1971.

Harry Holt married Ellen Maria Seymour 26 November 1896 at Lewisnor in the County of Oxford and had a daughter Ellen Cary Ilse Holt born 24 October 1898 who married Edward John Iredale. Any next of kin are sought. Arthur Holt married Fanny Orven 25 July 1896 at Lewisnor in the County of Oxford, and had two children namely Dorothy Holt born 20 November 1896 died 16 June 1897 and Ada Emma Holt born 22 October 1898 died 2 December 1946. Any next of kin are sought.

William Henry Holt married Frances Sarah White 22 September 1894 at Lewisnor in the County of Oxford. Any next of kin are sought.

Sarah Emma Holt married Thomas Edward Fuller 29 November 1906 at Lewisnor in the County of Oxford, and had a daughter Joan Quartermaine Fuller born 5 August 1909 died 10 October 1939. Any next of kin are sought.

Any next of kin of Marianne Holt, Jane Holt, Lilian Holt and John Richard Holt are also sought.

Would any of the persons sought as above or any person knowing the whereabouts of any next of kin of any person mentioned above please contact the Public Trustee of 565 Hay Street, Perth, Western Australia within two months of date of publication of this advertisement quoting reference D 2509/700 TAI and the Estate of DONALD HECTOR HARTLEY deceased.

Notice of appointment of liquidator
Voluntary winding up Members Pursuant to section 109 of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 1053088.
Name of company: Arbet Construction Limited. Nature of business: Construction Company. Address of registered office: Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ. Type of Liquidation: Members Voluntary. Liquidator: Richard Andrew Segal A Segal & Co. Trevlot House 186-192 High Road Ilford Essex IG1 1JQ. Office holder no: 003668. Date of appointment: 28 July 1993. By whom appointed: The Members. Date: 28 July 1993.

LEGAL NOTICES

A.D.D. Louvre Sales Limited
Registered Number: 1027786.
Former Company name: Air Distribution Diffuser Limited. Trading Name: A.D.D. Louvre Sales Limited. Nature of Business: Louvre Lighting Manufacturers. Trade classification: 3990. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 11 August 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: Hambros Bank Limited. Names of persons appointed: M P Riley and D N Harrison (office holder nos: 005778 and 006474). Joint Administrative Receivers both of Grant Whitehill & Co. 25 New Street Square, London EC4A 3LN

RHC INVEST LIMITED
Registered in England
Registered Number: 537996
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 176(2) of the Companies Act 1985 ("the Act") that on 12th August 1993 a special resolution of the above named Company was passed approving and authorising a payment of £5,561,000 out of the capital of the Company in connection with a purchase by the Company of 5,561,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each in the Company.

The amount of the permissible capital payment (within the meaning of Section 171(3) of the Act) is £5,561,000.

A copy of the statutory declaration of the directors of the Company made under Section 173(2) of the Act together with a copy of the auditors' report thereon, prepared pursuant to Section 173(5) of the Act, may be inspected at the registered office of the Company, 166 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 4DD, England, during normal office business hours on any weekday (Saturdays and Bank Holidays excepted) up to and including 16th September 1993.

Any creditor of the Company may apply to the Court under Section 176 of the Act for an order prohibiting the payment out of capital at any time up to 16th September 1993.

Dated the 12th day of August 1993
R Mosley: Secretary

In the Matter of Anglo-Europe Security Limited And in the Matter of the Insolvency Act and Rules 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, in accordance with Rule 4.106.1, J S Baird of Pannell Kerr Forster, New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA, give notice that on 11 August 1993 I was appointed Liquidator of Anglo-Europe Security Limited by resolutions of members and creditors.
Dated: 12 August 1993
J S Baird, Liquidator

The Insolvency Act 1986
FIBRE OPTICS GROUP LIMITED (In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Steven George Taylor MIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EH was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 11th August 1993.
Dated this 11th day of August 1993.
S.G. Taylor, Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 006278 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF WATERSTONE GLASSWARE LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 13 July 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £6,000,000 to £1,774,000.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL, on Wednesday 6 October 1993.

ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

DATED this 4th day of August 1993.
Hardwicks & Company
35 St John Street,
London EC1M 4AA. Ref: CSR
Solicitors
for the above named Company

Re: STEWART SERVICES LIMITED, AND
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ, on Friday the 27th August 1993, at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.

A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of A Segal & Co, Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ, between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on the two weekdays preceding the said Meeting.

Dated this 12th day of August 1993.
R STEWART, Director.

LEGAL NOTICES

SINGLE BUOY MOORINGS (UIG) LIMITED
Registered in Scotland
Registered Number: 110427
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 176(2) of the Companies Act 1985 ("the Act") that on 12th August 1993 a special resolution of the above named Company was passed approving and authorising a payment of £5,850,002 out of the capital of the Company in connection with a purchase by the Company of 5,850,002 Ordinary Shares of £1 each in the Company.

The amount of the permissible capital payment (within the meaning of Section 171(3) of the Act) is £5,850,002.

A copy of the statutory declaration of the directors of the Company made under Section 173(2) of the Act together with a copy of the auditors' report thereon, prepared pursuant to Section 173(5) of the Act, may be inspected at the registered office of the Company, 14 Regent Quay, Aberdeen AB1 2AD, Scotland, during normal office business hours on any weekday (Saturdays and Bank Holidays excepted) up to and including 16th September 1993.

Any Creditor of the Company may apply to the Court under Section 176 of the Act for an order prohibiting the payment out of capital at any time up to 16th September 1993.

Dated the 12th day of August 1993.
R Mosley: Secretary

Notice of appointment of liquidator
Voluntary winding up Creditors Pursuant to section 109 of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 2148810.
Name of company: Redham Street Finishes Limited Formerly known as Future Finishes Ltd. Nature of business: Specialist Paint Finishes. Address of registered office: Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ. Type of Liquidation: Creditors Voluntary. Liquidator: Richard Andrew Segal A Segal & Co. Trevlot House 186-192 High Road Ilford Essex IG1 1JQ. Office holder no: 002685. Date of appointment: 9 August 1993. By whom appointed: The Members & Creditors. Date: 9 August 1993.

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To be considered for the secretary position you will have excellent secretarial and organisational skills and the motivation to work under pressure. You will probably have previous PR experience gained in an agency or in-house and may also have experience in producing visual aids for presentations. The ability to speak a European language in addition to English is also highly desirable.

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Do you have a creative streak that you would like to combine with a demanding secretarial job? Our client, a major U.S Fund Mangement Group needs an experience DTP operator with secretarial skills to support a team of directors. Working to tight deadlines, your priority will be to create first class documents and graphics for presentations to clients worldwide. In addition, you will prepare travel itineries, currencies and arrange client entertainment. Skills: 50 wpm typing and excellent DTP skills. Experience is ideally gained in a financial environment though not essential. Please telephone Charlotte Pelling on 071-377 8827.

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Belgravia to £18,000

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Please apply in writing enclosing a copy of your full C.V. to:

Nicola Tile, S&P Insurance Rating Services 7th Floor, Garden House, 18 Finsbury Circus London EC2M 7BP

Closing date for reciept of Applications: Tuesday 24th August.

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Sought by busy Sales & Marketing company based in West London. You will need to be well-organised, have good communication skills, computer (WordPerfect) experience. Age 25+. Salary £15-20,000 according to age & experience.

Please Telephone 081-743 2180 or Fax CV on 081-749 9580

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SALARY:- £14,500
TO START:- 4 OCTOBER 1993

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You will be bright, confident, enthusiastic and enjoy involvement in a variety of administrative tasks.

Superb prospects! Interviews in London.
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No agencies please.

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SINCE 1805

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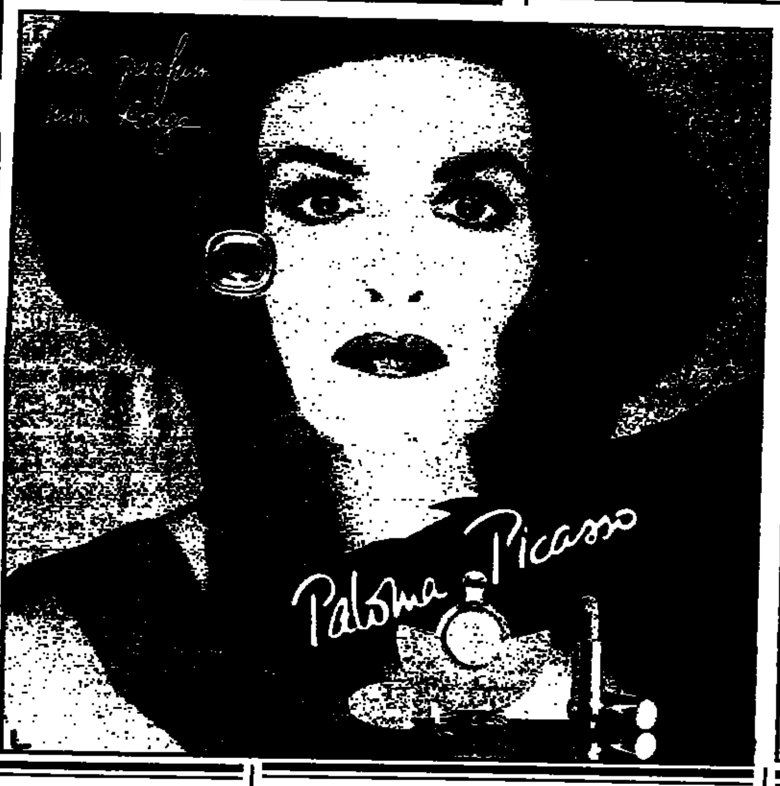

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The Language Business
Tel: 071 379 3189
(Rec Cons)

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Call Rachel Askew on 071 937 8294.

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City based Business Travel Agency (25 staff) looking for experienced (ideally 25+) PA to assist Director.

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This position requires a bright, cheerful and confident person, with excellent personal organisational abilities, (preferably) previous exposure to PR/marketing and above all a commitment to quality.

A competitive salary, season ticket loan and favourable travel concessions are the rewards for the right person.

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PERSONNEL PA The personnel manager of this world famous Blue Chip company requires an efficient, well presented PA to organise his busy day. This position would ideally suit an organised, flexible, articulate secretary with excellent interpersonnel skills. Salary c£16,000. Age 25-50. Please call Diane Denny on 071-255 1555 at Meridian (Rec Cons).

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SHORTHAND Typist Plus. (W/P), sought for Knightsbridge offices. Do you have fast, accurate skills (min. 100/60 wpm), good English grammar, experience of Microsoft Word and a strong aptitude for filing and database work? Are you quick-thinking, reliable, hard-working and enthusiastic? If so, we can offer you excellent, modern working conditions, a challenging and varied job in the sports world and a salary related to age and experience. Interested? Then please apply in writing to: Penny Whitaker, 6 Princes Gate, London SW7 1QJ, or by fax - 071-589 0283.

YOUNG SEC with good typing (Spanish/Italian useful) for Int Co. Great Scope for 1st jobber to get involved and learn. Age 17+. £11,000. Call Miranda on 071-287 2044. Middleton Jeffers Rec Ltd.

Eligibility for compensation

Regina v Investors' Compensation Scheme Ltd. Ex parte Weyell and Another
Regina v Same. Ex parte Last and Another

Before Lord Justice Glidewell and Mr Justice Cresswell

[Judgment July 21]

In order to be eligible for compensation from the Investors' Compensation Scheme Ltd, an applicant had to have a claim against a defaulting broker which arose out of investment business conducted by the broker on or after August 28, 1988, when the ICS came into being. Investment business was not confined to initial advice. It extended to the purchase by the broker of bonds and investments on behalf of the applicant and the management of the portfolio thereafter.

An eligible investor had a right transmissible to his personal representative notwithstanding that the investor died before the broker in respect of which the claim was made was declared in default.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in a reserved judgment in granting applications for judicial review of decisions of the ICS: on the first application, brought by Margaret Weyell and John Venlard, for a declaration that their claims against their broker, Aylesbury Associates, for breach of the Financial Services Act 1986, negligence, breach of contract and breach of fiduciary duty were "scheme business claims" within rule 2.03(1) of the Financial Services (Compensation of Investors) Rules 1990 and that the applicants were accordingly entitled to claim compensation; and on the second application, brought by Ivor Last and Joyce Rowden, for a declaration that the personal representatives of investors who died before Fisher Prew Smith Ltd was declared in default could still bring a claim for compensation in respect of the broker.

Mr Nicholas Strauss, QC and Mr Neil Kitchener for the applicants: Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr Richard McManus for the ICS.

LORD JUSTICE GLIDEWELL, delivering the judgment of the court on the first application, said the applicants were representative of a large number of elderly people who had paid off all or most of earlier mortgages on their homes and who, on the advice of investment brokers, had entered into home income plans. Their homes were re-mortgaged to release capital, a large proportion of which was invested in equity-linked premium investment bonds.

In both cases, the brokers advised the applicants to enter into the particular plan, carried out the necessary transactions to put the plan into effect, and thereafter acted as discretionary investment managers for the applicants' fund. The brokers did not advise the applicants that there was a risk to their homes if the return from the investments or value of their property fell.

The issue was whether there was a "scheme business claim" under rule 2.03(1): that is, whether investment business was carried out for either applicant after August 28, 1988 and if so, whether the broker had acted in breach of the Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers' Regulatory Association rules and/or in breach of contract and/or negligently. The ICS maintained that the only relevant investment business was the initial advice to enter into a home income plan.

Mr Strauss submitted that the investment business conducted by the brokers consisted of the initial unsound advice to enter into the plan, negotiations with the building society and solicitors in making the loan, the purchase of bonds and other assets on behalf of the applicants and the management of the fund thereafter.

Except that negotiations did not constitute "investment business" within the meaning of the 1986 Act, the court accepted that submission. It was further accepted that the broker's liability did not arise until the applicant first suffered damage, the earliest time being when the home was mortgaged and the proceeds transferred to the broker.

The broker remained liable as discretionary investment manager to manage the applicants' investments and under the agreements with the applicants the broker undertook to report on the investments every six months. Under Rule 4.3.2 the broker was unable to act as a discretionary investment manager unless he had taken all reasonable steps to satisfy himself that the applicants were aware of the risks involved.

The ICS, in an affidavit, relied on *Bell v Peter Browne & Co* ([1990] 2 QB 495) as authority for the broker not being under a continuing obligation to advise the applicants about the proper management of their plan after August 28, 1988.

Mr Beloff did not rely on that. There was no continuing contractual obligation to the plaintiff in *Bell* whereas the broker in the present application was under a contractual obligation to report every six months and under a continuing obligation to manage the fund.

MR JUSTICE CRESSWELL, delivering the judgment of the court on the second application, said each applicant entered into a plan jointly with their respective spouses, the homes were owned by the applicant and spouse as joint tenants, and all investments were purchased in joint names. The spouse died before the relevant broker was declared in default.

The ICS decided that no claim for compensation was transmissible on death before the relevant broker was declared in default and that the claims were accordingly halved.

The court did not depart from the decision in *R v ICS, Ex parte Bowden* (*The Times* February 22) which concerned claims in respect of brokers already in default, that personal representatives were not "eligible investors" within rule 2.02.2(a); but that applications could be made or pursued by the personal representatives of a deceased eligible investor.

It was a small step beyond that decision to hold that the contingent right, or power, and expectation was transmissible to personal representatives, where at the date of death the ICS had not determined the participant firm to be in default.

His Lordship concluded that if an investor did not have a transmissible right it would be an extraordinary result if the surviving spouse's claim would not reflect the fact that he or she remained liable for the full amount of the mortgage.

Solicitors: Barnett Sampson; Wilde Sapte.

Place of business of dealer

Regina v Bull

Before Lord Justice Kennedy, Mr Justice Morland and Mr Justice Cresswell

[Judgment July 29]

For the purposes of the Firearms Act 1968 the place of business of a firearms dealer included the place where he stored firearms or ammunition.

Accordingly, the special exemption in section 8 from the requirement under section 1(1) to hold a firearms certificate did not apply to the possession of ammunition by a dealer at a storage place if the address of that place had not been furnished to the chief officer of police in accordance with the registration requirements of section 33.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment when dismissing the appeal of Adrian William Bull against his conviction on June 30, 1992 at Bristol Crown Court (Mr Recorder Kemp, QC and a jury) of, *inter alia*, possession of ammunition contrary to section 1(1) of the Firearms Act 1968.

Section 8 of the 1968 Act provides:

"(1) A person carrying on the business of a firearms dealer and registered as such under this Act ... may, without holding a certificate, have in his possession ... a firearm or ammunition in the ordinary course of that business."

Section 33 provides: "(3) In order to be registered, the applicant must furnish the chief officer of police with the prescribed particulars, which should include particulars of every place of business at which he proposes to carry on business in the area as a firearms dealer..."

Mr R. Alun Jones, QC and Mr Kevin de Haan for the appellant: Mr Roderick Denyer, QC, for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE CRESSWELL, giving the judgment of the court, said that the appellant was a firearms dealer, working from Greystone House, Devizes, and from 1979 registered as such by the Wiltshire Police. Since 1988 he had stored items in connection with his business in a renovated shed at Smithwick Farm, Rowde, the property of a friend.

In March 1990 police officers went to Smithwick Farm and seized ammunition stored in the barn. The appellant was in possession of that ammunition.

In his statement to the police he admitted that he did not have a firearms certificate. The burden of proving that he fell within an exemption to section 1(1) of the 1968 Act then shifted to him.

At the close of the prosecution case the judge ruled that lawful possession of ammunition in the ordinary course of business was limited to possession in the ordinary course of business at the registered place of business, that is, Greystone House.

In summing up he said that to come within the exemption the appellant had to satisfy the jury on the balance of probabilities that the barn at Rowde was one of his registered places of business.

On appeal, as at trial, it was submitted for the appellant that the exemption in section 8 applied to a person, not to a place, and that a registered firearms dealer did not lose his exemption by reason of keeping his ammunition in premises which he had not notified to the police.

For the Crown it was submitted that the concept of "place of business" was central to the licensing/registration system in respect of firearms dealers. The dealer was only possessing lawfully when at his registered place of business.

In their Lordships' view the words in section 33(3) "every place of business at which [the applicant] proposes to carry on business in the area as a firearms dealer" should be given a wide construction.

Those words plainly extended to the barn at Smithwick Farm in the present case. The place of business of a firearms dealer included the place where he stored firearms or ammunition.

It was important to note the words in section 8(1) "registered as such", which meant registered as such under section 33.

In their Lordships' view the special exemption in section 8 applied to (i) a person carrying on the business of a firearms dealer; (ii) who was registered as such under section 33; (iii) who in order to be registered under section 33 had furnished the chief officer of police with the prescribed particulars, including particulars of every place of business at which he proposed to carry on business in the area as a firearms dealer; (iv) who had in his possession or purchased or acquired a firearm or ammunition in the ordinary course of that business.

It followed that the special exemption in section 8 did not apply to the possession of a firearm or ammunition at a place of business whose address had not been furnished in accordance with section 33(3). The possession was not in the ordinary course of the business registered as such under the Act.

The judge's ruling was correct in law, and his directions consequent upon that ruling were also correct.

Solicitors: Gilchrists & Co; Crown Prosecution Service, Wiltshire.

Electronic transfer is obtaining property

Regina v Crick and Another

For the purposes of the offence of obtaining property by deception under the Theft Act 1968, a sum of money represented by a figure in an account fell within the phrase "other intangible property" in section 4(1) and accordingly a transaction, although effected by electronic means, was an obtaining of intangible property.

The Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) (Lord Justice Roch, Mr Justice Macpherson of Cluny and Mr Justice Sachs) so stated on July 30 when allowing the appeals of Bernard John Crick, a solicitor, and Jaqueline Williams, a conveyancing clerk, and quashing their convictions at Guildford Crown Court (Judge Rubin and a jury) on other grounds for conspiracy to defraud.

MR JUSTICE MACPHERSON said that a point was taken that because the transfer was made by electronic transfer and not cheque the creation of a positive balance in the solicitor's client account of the mortgagor and the reduction in the appropriate account of the lending institution was not an obtaining of property. A sum of money represented by a figure in an account fell within the phrase "other intangible property". The reduction of the sum standing in the lender institution's relevant account and the corresponding increase in the sums standing to the credit of the mortgagor in his solicitor's client account, although the transaction was effected by electronic means, was nevertheless the obtaining of property.

Power of court to override legal professional privilege

Essex County Council v R (Legal professional privilege)

In cases brought under the Children Act 1989 there was a positive duty on legal advisers in the interests of the child to disclose medical reports containing adverse statements relating to parties. The court had power to override legal professional privilege claimed by the parties.

Mr Justice Thorpe so stated in the Family Division in open court on July 23 following a judgment in chambers in care proceedings.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the investigative powers of the court had not been curtailed by the 1989 Act. The view of Mr Justice Johnson, said to be *obiter* in *In re A (Minors) (Disclosure of material)* ([1991] 2 FLR 473) applied in all children cases.

The court considering the welfare of the child had power to override claims of legal professional privilege.

His Lordship wished to make it plain that legal representatives having reports relevant to the determination of a matter but contrary to the interests of their client had a positive duty to disclose the reports to all the parties and to the court. Otherwise a statement of real significance in judging parents as a potential risk could go unsurveyed resulting in a distorted assessment of that risk.

Transfer of council cleaning functions

Wren and Others v Eastbourne Borough Council and Another

Before Mr Justice Wood, Mr D. O. Gladwin and Mr K. M. Hack

[Judgment July 30]

When considering whether the transfer of refuse collecting and street cleaning from a council to a private company was a relevant transfer of an undertaking which was in the nature of a commercial venture within the provisions of the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations (SI 1981 No 1794), an industrial tribunal should identify the undertaking alleged to have been transferred, consider whether or not it was in the nature of a commercial venture and whether there was a relevant transfer of that undertaking.

In so doing tribunals should take into account all the surrounding circumstances to see whether there was a recognisable economic entity, a going concern which was carried on by the transferor and which was being continued by the new employer.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal so held when allowing an appeal by Mr Terry Wren and 16 others from a decision of a Brighton industrial tribunal that the contract between Eastbourne Borough Council and UK Waste Control Ltd, the successful tenderer, did not effect a transfer of an undertaking as defined in the regulations and that the applicants who had not been given jobs by the company were not entitled to compensation for unfair dismissal.

Regulation 2(1) provides that "undertaking" included any trade or business but did not include any undertaking or part of an undertaking which was not in the nature of a commercial venture.

By regulation 5: "(1) A relevant transfer shall not operate so as to terminate the contract of employment of any person employed by the transferor in the undertaking or part transferred but any such contract which would otherwise have been terminated by the transfer shall have effect after the transfer as if originally made between the person so employed and the transferee."

Mr John Hand, QC and Mr Thomas Linden for the applicants; Mr Mark Lowe for the council; Mr Mark Dencer for the company.

MR JUSTICE WOOD said that the council were under an obligation to seek competitive tenders for certain activities including refuse collection and street cleaning. The company was the successful tenderer from October 1, 1990.

The industrial tribunal held that the contract between the council and the company did not effect a transfer of an undertaking. The council alleged that from September 30, 1990 their requirements to employ staff on refuse collection or street sweeping ceased. The applicants were made redundant and alleged unfair dismissal against the council and the company. The company claimed that they had not employed any of the applicants and the regulations did not apply as there was no transfer of an undertaking.

The industrial tribunal held that the regulations did not apply because there was not a relevant transfer. A number of European decisions gave guidance. The basic principles were set out in *Spikers v Benedick* ([1986] ECR 1119).

When considering a relevant transfer of an undertaking under the regulations it was necessary to take into account all the surrounding circumstances to see whether there was a recognisable economic entity, a going concern, which was carried on by the alleged transferor and which was being continued by the alleged transferee.

It was necessary to look at the substance of what had had occurred and not the form. In most cases that would involve the benefit from the transfer of premises or equipment, but those were only factors not essentials.

The reasoning of the industrial tribunal could be criticised on a number of counts. The transfer of services was capable of falling within the regulations. There was no necessity for the transfer of assets. The fact that nothing concrete was transferred nor any goodwill or outstanding contracts did not of itself prevent there having been a transfer. All those were questions of fact and degree.

The industrial tribunal had looked upon the transfer of services only as being itself incapable of being a transfer. Further, the tribunal had not decided whether there was an undertaking within the regulations which was capable of being transferred. The phrase "the nature of a commercial venture" was to be construed in accordance with UK law but in a way which did not conflict with the guidance given by the European Court of Justice. No one factor was conclusive.

The case would be remitted to a tribunal for reconsideraton. The appeal would be allowed and leave to appeal granted.

Solicitors: Pattinson & Brewer, Chatham: Mr Martin Ray, Eastbourne; Pannone & Partners.

Correction

In ICI plc v Colmer (Inspector of Taxes) (The Times August 11) the solicitors for ICI were Hammond Suddards.

Expense no reason for judicial review of ministerial decision

East Kilbride District Council v Secretary of State for Scotland

Before Lord Penrose

[Judgment August 3]

Assuming that the law was that a statutory instrument made by a minister and approved by Parliament could not be subject to judicial review on the ground of unreasonableness, but only on the ground of manifest absurdity, a decision by the Secretary of State for Scotland to make and obtain parliamentary approval for a statutory instrument altering the boundary between two local authorities, notwithstanding the fact that it would cause expense to one of the authorities pending implementation of a comprehensive review of local government, was not manifestly absurd.

Lord Penrose, sitting in the Outer House of the Court of Session, so held, dismissing as irrelevant an application by East Kilbride District Council for judicial review of the making by the Secretary of State for Scotland of the Eastwood and East Kilbride District (Busby) Boundaries Amendment Order (SI 1993 No 1312 (S 181)).

Mr James McNeill, QC, for the petitioners: Mr Roderick MacDonald, QC, for the respondent.

LORD PENROSE said that the petitioners were responsible for the eastern part of the village of Busby, which was divided by the River Cart. To the west of the river, Busby was within the area of Eastwood District Council.

Prior to local government reorganisation in 1974, the village had been divided between Lanarkshire and Renfrewshire County Councils. Alteration of the boundary had been mooted since 1966.

Section 14(1) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 required review of boundaries between 1985 and 1990. The Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland had been granted an extension of the timetable for completing the review to March 31, 1992.

A public enquiry in 1991 had led to a recommendation that the whole village be administered by Eastwood District Council. The commission had adopted that recommendation and had submitted it to the secretary of state, who had announced his agreement to it on October 23, 1992.

In the absence the petitioners' agreement as to a date for transfer, the secretary of state had resolved to implement the boundary change with effect from October 1, 1993. The instrument was laid before Parliament on May 25, 1993.

In the course of the present proceedings the secretary of state had published a White Paper setting out his proposals for new unitary local authorities to be established in Scotland in the spring of 1995, and defining their boundaries.

The new councils intended for the area would be known respectively as South Lanarkshire Council, which would include the then existing East Kilbride District, and East Renfrewshire Council, which would include the then existing Eastwood District including the whole of Busby.

The petitioners averred that the proposed boundary change for Bushby would result in expense to them of about £300,000, including conveyancing and administrative costs, and loss of tax and rental revenues.

They challenged the validity of the order in that the secretary of state's decision has vitiated because he had failed to consider a material fact *et separatim* that the decision was unreasonable in law. They averred that the current review of local government was a material factor which he had not considered.

In response, the secretary of state accepted that expense would be incurred in implementing the change, but averred that he had had regard to the significance of the review of local government.

The court had jurisdiction to review the making of a statutory instrument which had become final upon the expiry of the statutory time limits for a negative resolution in terms of section 5 of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946 (*Hoffman-La Roche v Secretary of State for Trade* ([1975] AC 295).

The substantial issue was as to the scope of the court's power to declare a minister's action in making the statutory instrument invalid on the ground of its contents.

In *City of Edinburgh District Council v Secretary of State for Scotland* (1985 SC 261, 274), the council had sought reduction of a statutory instrument on the grounds of illegality, irrationality and impropriety of procedure. The defender had contended that the second and third grounds were inapplicable to a statutory instrument which had been considered by Parliament.

Lord Jauncey had there asked: "How could the courts label as irrational or unreasonable a decision which Parliament had expressly or impliedly approved? I do not think that they could ... no authority was cited to me in which *Wednesbury* principles or principles of natural justice had been applied in relation to a statutory instrument..."

"In my view, when Lord Diplock in *Hoffmann-La Roche* referred to defects in procedure he had in mind defects in statutory procedure laid down in the enabling Act...

"This is entirely comprehensible, since Parliament ... cannot lawfully authorise ... non-compliance therewith by a minister without amendment of that legislation. Parliament, however, is well able to determine whether a minister's decision has been taken fairly or rationally.

"In these circumstances I conclude that the courts can only hold to be *ultra vires* a statutory instrument which had been laid before and considered by Parliament where that instrument is patently defective in that it purports to do what is not authorised by the enabling statute or where the procedure followed in making that instrument departed from the requirements of the enabling statute."

Lord Jauncey's uncompromising view of the limitations on the scope of the court's jurisdiction had been substantially approved by the Inner House. In *Leech v Secretary of State* for Scotland ([1991 SLT 910) Lord Caplan had adopted the approach which was contended for by the respondent in the present case, and had applied first of all the narrow test supported by the *Edinburgh District Council* decision.

Thereafter, Lord Caplan had proceeded to comment that if the view of Lord Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, in *R v Secretary of State for the Environment* ([1990] 3 WLR 935-936) were correct, then the decision in *Nottinghamshire County Council v Secretary of State for the Environment* ([1986] AC 240) indicated that Lord Jauncey's view did not reflect an exhaustive expression of the irrationality principle where a ministerial act had been approved by Parliament.

In the present case, applying the test as set out in *Edinburgh District Council*, there was no basis upon which the petitioners' averments could be read as a relevant challenge of the secretary of state's action. Turning to the broader issue, on the assumption that notwithstanding *Edinburgh District Council*, subsequent English authorities had refined the general test, the first issue was to establish what criteria had been established.

In *Nottinghamshire County Council* Lord Scarman had said: "I cannot accept that it is constitutionally appropriate, save in very exceptional circumstances, for the courts to intervene on the ground of 'unreasonableness', to quash guidance framed by the secretary of state and by necessary implication approved by the House of Commons...

"Such an examination by a court would be justified only if a *prima facie* case were to be shown that the secretary of state had acted in bad faith, or for an improper motive, or that the consequences of his guidance were so absurd that he must have taken leave of his senses."

Those comments had been considered by the House of Lords in *R v Secretary of State for the Environment, Ex parte Hammersmith LBC* ([1991] 1 AC 521, 597) where Lord Bridge had pointed to the danger of confusion in terminology in that field.

Having regard to his observations there, it was clear that the ground of interference identified by Lord Scarman as absurdity of consequences had to be distinguished from grounds depending upon the true construction of the statute, because that fell within the scope of illegality as a ground of challenge.

It followed, in his Lordship's view, that Lord Scarman had identified as a ground of challenge, different from illegality and different from bad faith or improper motive, an irrationality or absurdity of consequence that depended upon the content and consequences of the exercise, and not upon the construction of the enabling Act or the motivation of the minister.

Lord Bridge had gone on to say that the restriction which the *Nottinghamshire* case had imposed, since the ministerial action could only take effect with the approval of the House of Commons, was that it was "not open to challenge on the grounds of irrationality short of the extremes of bad faith, improper motive or manifest absurdity".

On any view, the test was exacting. There were, in his Lordship's opinion, conceptual difficulties if the test was more than a recognition of the possibilities that supervening circumstances, or the identification of some factor which was essential to the formulation of a proper view of the nature and effect of an order, and which had been overlooked by the minister and by Parliament alike, might undermine the making of the order and lead to its reduction.

It was difficult to envisage circumstances in which that could occur other than at the instance of or with the consent of the minister. One might think that manifest absurdity must be such as to attract the common consent of the potential parties to a dispute as to the validity of the order in question.

If there were scope for dispute as to the absurdity of consequence of an order, so that there was room for legitimate differences of opinion on the matter, then, on conventional constitutional theory, one might expect the courts to recognise that they did not have jurisdiction to interfere with an order which had the express or implied consent of Parliament.

Applied objectively, a test of manifest absurdity must be expected to be satisfied only in the most extreme and extraordinary of circumstances, and wholly beyond the scope for differences in matters of judgment and opinion.

Applying the wider test, it was impossible to sustain the view that the petitioners had made out a relevant ground of challenge. There was no fundamental objection taken to the substance of the order.

The only allegation was that the timing was inappropriate having regard to the imminence of more general local government review. That, it was said, was unreasonable having regard to the expense that would be incurred by the petitioners.

It was far from clear that the redistribution of revenue account items could ever be a ground of challenge in circumstances such as the present. It was an inevitable consequence of a boundary change involving an inhabited area.

The complaint about the expenses was that had implementation been delayed, they would have been subsumed into the general expense associated with the wider re-organisation of local government. His Lordship had difficulty in understanding how that could be a relevant consideration.

It was apparently assumed that with certain limited exceptions the expense would in fact have been incurred but not so noticeably in the context of wider change. That could not properly be represented as a real additional cost, whatever the presentation.

Nothing had been said which suggested that the decision of the respondent was in any way abusrd.

Whether the test to be implied was the narrower test outlined in *Edinburgh District Council*, or the test emerging from the English authorities, the averments of the petitioners were irrelevant.

Law agents: Simpson & Marwick, WS: Solicitor to the Secretary of State for Scotland.

No duty to fence unofficial path

McCluskey v Lord Advocate

Before Lord Kirkwood

[Judgment July 21]

Where a Forestry Commission path led to an unofficial path along rocks above a river which was clearly not a continuation of the official path, the commission was under no duty to take steps to prevent members of the public from straying off the official path on to the unofficial one.

Lord Kirkwood, sitting in the Outer House of the Court of Session, so held, granting decree of absolvitor in favour of the Lord Advocate, on behalf of the Forestry Commission, in an action of reparation for personal injuries brought against him by Mrs Audrey Christine Mackenzie McCluskey.

Section 2 of the Occupiers' Liability (Scotland) Act 1960 provides:

"(1) The care which an occupier of premises is required ... to show towards a personal entering thereon in respect of dangers which are due to the state of the premises or to anything done or omitted to be done on them ... shall be such care as ... is reasonable..."

Mr Douglas Kinlock for the pursuer: Mr Martin Geary for the defender.

LORD KIRKWOOD said that the pursuer had visited Rogie Falls, Ross-shire, with her family. From a car park there, access could be gained to a network of forestry walks, one of which led to a viewpoint.

From the viewpoint the pursuer followed a cut which led to a path known as the Fishermen's Path. She was walking along that narrow path towards the falls when she fell and landed on a rock 20 feet below.

The land in question was in private ownership but in the titles the forest walks were "reserved for public use and management by the Forestry Commission".

The defender led evidence that paths like the Fishermen's Path were common in all areas of the Scottish countryside.

The pursuer's common law case was that she had proceeded along the Fishermen's Path in the reasonable but mistaken belief that that route was part of the official forestry walks, that the Fishermen's Path had been dangerous, that the dangerous condition of the path had caused her accident and that in the circumstances the commission had been under a duty to take steps as, for example, by the erection of a barrier, to prevent members of the public from gaining access to the Fishermen's Path.

His Lordship was satisfied that anyone using the cut and the Fishermen's Path must have been aware that they were leaving the official network of forestry walks and, in effect, taking a rough short-cut to the falls. The cut was at a fairly steep angle with protruding boulders and tree-roots, and the Fishermen's Path was narrow and rocky.

The next question was whether, having regard to the fact that there was evidence that members of the public used the Fishermen's Path from time to time, that path constituted such a danger to visitors that the Forestry Commission was under a duty to take steps to prevent them from using the path.

The Fishermen's Path had been used by some members of the public for many years without any accident having occurred. While it had been narrow and rocky and care had to be exercised when walking along it, its nature and condition had been perfectly obvious to anyone who chose to use it.

It had not been dangerous to persons exercising reasonable care for their own safety. Its use was not attended by any hidden or unusual dangers. In the circumstances, the commission was not under any legal duty to prevent visitors from straying off the forestry walk out to the Fishermen's Path.

Turning to the pursuer's case under section 2(1) of the 1960 Act, his Lordship accepted that the fact that the accident took place on land which was neither occupied nor controlled by the commission would not prevent a successful claim being made, provided that a danger existed which was due to the commission's omission to erect a barrier on the land which it occupied.

However, the Fishermen's Path had not constituted a "danger" within the meaning of section 2(1). The commission was not under a duty, by virtue of the section, to take steps to prevent members of the public from gaining access to that path from the viewpoint.

Indeed, this was a case where the pursuer had voluntarily chosen to proceed along what was obviously a narrow and rocky path above the river. She had to be taken to have willingly accepted any risks involved in doing so.

His Lordship would pronounce decree of absolvitor.

Law agents: Morton Fraser & Milligan, WS: Pearson, WS.

Tribunal erred in its conclusion

Dick v University of Glasgow

Before the Lord Justice-Clerk (Lord Ross), Lord Murray and Lord Morison

[Judgment July 14]

An industrial tribunal was not entitled to conclude that an employer had failed to carry out reasonable investigations before dismissing an employee for misconduct on the ground that the employer had not had regard to certain evidence when that evidence had not been placed before the employer at the time and had emerged for the first time only at the hearing before the tribunal.

The Second Division of the Inner House of the Court of Session so held, dismissing an appeal by David Dick and Henry Corbett against a decision of the Employment Appeal Tribunal allowing an appeal by the University of Glasgow against a decision by the industrial tribunal that the appellants had been unfairly dismissed by the university.

Mr Stephen Woolman for the appellants; Mr Iain Truscott for the university.

THE LORD JUSTICE-CLERK said that their Lordships were satisfied that the industrial tribunal had erred.

They had accepted that the respondents had had a genuine belief in the guilt of the appellants. Accordingly, the tribunal required to apply the remaining tests laid down in *British Home Stores v Burchell* ([1978] IRLR 379) as approved in *Morgan v Electrolux Ltd* ([1991] IRLR 89) that is, whether the respondents had had reasonable grounds upon which to sustain that belief in the guilt of the appellants, and whether they had conducted as much investigation into the matter as was reasonable in the circumstances.

Evidence identifying one of the appellants as a culprit raised the question of what he had been wearing at the time. However, during the investigations conducted by the respondents and at the time of a disciplinary hearing and a subsequent appeal, no one had thought it significant to enquire what that appellant had been wearing.

He had been given an opportunity to question the relevant witness. Evidence as to what the appellants had been wearing had arisen for the first time at the hearing before the tribunal.

Yet it was that matter of what they had been wearing at the material time which had been referred to by the tribunal as justification for their conclusion that the respondents had not carried out reasonable investigations.

When considering whether the respondents had done so, what the tribunal should have considered was the nature of the material which was before the respondents when they had made their decision to dismiss the appellants.

They were not entitled to conclude that no reasonable investigations had been carried out because the respondents had not had regard to material which had never been placed before them and which had emerged for the first time during the proceedings before the tribunal (see *Linfood Cash and Carry Ltd v Thomson* ([1989] ICR 518).

Law agents: Drummond Miller, WS: Allan McDougall & Co, SSC.

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Engulfed by a stylist's ideas

Was Aeschylus an American, asks Benedict Nightingale

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

Trust Peter Sellars. He has set *Figaro* on Trump Tower, played *The Magic Flute* on and under a Los Angeles freeway, and now time-warps Aeschylus's first surviving play, *The Persians*, to an equally alien environment. Don't be fooled by the occasional reference to conquering Athenians or by the characters' classical names. Instead, listen to the smart bombs as they fizz overhead, contriving to sound like someone or something electronically spitting. The bare Royal Lyceum stage is, it seems, Baghdad during the Gulf war.

The original *Persians* was intended to immortalise the victory at Salamis in 480 BC, when 300 Greek ships overcame the 1,000 that Xerxes had brought from Asia, and Aeschylus himself played a part in mopping-up operations afterwards. True, the playwright fulfilled this aim in an odd, oblique way. He showed the Persian court as it got the news of the disaster and even managed to sympathise with its bewilderment and despair. All the same, there is no doubt he was celebrating the triumph of a plucky Athenian David over a barbarian Goliath sick with wealth and hubris.

That creates obvious problems both for director Sellars and for the play's adapter, Robert Auletta. Determined as they are to equate the ancient Greeks with the vicious American imperialists of 1991, they end up in the odd position of defending poor, sad, victimised Goliath against the arrogant, over-privileged bully-boy, David. It is said that Aeschylus met his end when an eagle dropped a tortoise on his bald pate. Well, Sellars and Auletta have it in for the same part of the playwright's anatomy. They turn him on his head.

Yet though we see *The Persians* on the stage about as often as Halley's comet in the sky, I cannot bring myself to protest too much. Despite Aeschylus's feel for the workings of human woe and divine providence, it is a dull piece, full of references to men such as Matallus of Chrysa, whose "thick and shaggy beard turned purple in death".

Against the myriad liberties Sellars has taken with the play must be set the boldness yet simplicity of his theatrical imagination. From the moment the lights dimly rise on a monkish figure who throws a vast shadow on the back wall, and he starts voicing the Chorus's mix of pride and fear in tandem with a heavily miked chap in blue slacks, it is evident that a highly distinctive stylist is in creative control.

A dark stage, minimal lighting, vocal amplification, striking human images: all play their part in what follows. When Cordelia Gonzales's Queen Atossa describes her updated version of the dream Aeschylus gave her — crazed fashion models attacking her son Xerxes and what appears to be a more than avian battle in the Iraqi skies — her voice echoes from every corner of the theatre in a stricken babble of electronic desolation.

Nor will I forget the writhings of Martinus Miroto's masked messenger as he and the chorus tell of horrors galore. Then there is the ghost of Darius, come with wild red beard and shabby beige nightgown to condemn his reckless son. I had some politically incorrect doubts when I heard that his lines were to be signed by a deaf actor, Howie Seago; but his big, fierce gestures, with simultaneous translation provided, have an unsettling eloquence all their own.

If there are doubts, they are on the intellectual side. There is something enervating about the constant denunciation of American power, American killer-technology, American racism, American hunger for oil, American this, that and everything.

Religious musings are there, as Aeschylus wanted, but they are even more cursory and shallow than the snatches of Freudianism. At root, Sellars's Xerxes is that familiar American figure, the son proving himself to his father, and Darius is an outré version of another, a father so mixed-up about his son he comes from the grave for some post-hoc analysis.

It goes without saying that this stuff is not sanctioned by Aeschylus. Nor, I would think, is it justified by the man by now in every spectator's mind. Sellars and Auletta do not exactly duck what, given their anti-Americanism, has to be called the Saddam Hussein problem. On the contrary, they clearly want John Ortiz's Xerxes to remind us of the Iraqi dictator, swaggering on stage as he does to boast of defying "the most arrogant power in the world". What is puzzling is that he then dwindles into a parody of the king that Aeschylus created, blaming himself for his people's suffering and, at the end, giving away his crown to a chorus-member. That wasn't what the real Xerxes did. It isn't what Saddam has done. What is this wishful nonsense supposed to mean?

TOM KIDD

Memorable messenger: Martinus Miroto telling of horrors galore in *The Persians*

Redeemed in the pit

Despite its seriousness, an early Verdi sends **Richard Morrison** out into the night in jaunty mood

You leave Scottish Opera's new production of *I Due Foscari* with a much jauntier step than you had when you went in, and with a whole sheaf of rum-ti-tum tunes surging through your head. That is very odd, because Verdi's early opera is not exactly considered to be fun-packed. Based on a fatalistic Byron play, it depicts a political conspiracy against the Doge of Venice and his son (the "two Foscaris"), which leaves both of them dead.

Nor is Howard Davies's King's Theatre staging, which updates the frocks by 400 years or so to Verdi's day, notably entertaining. And the principal singers here rarely lift the heart with their vocal felicities. Indeed, the American baritone Frederick Burchinal, suffering from a throat infection, was reduced to miming the part of the Doge, while his understudy, Phillip Joll, manfully hurled out the vocal business from the wings. "We should rename the opera *I Tre Foscari*," quipped Scottish Opera's managing director.

No, what brought the opera to life on Monday was the conducting of Richard Armstrong. His 13 years at the musical helm of Welsh National Opera included many memorable Verdi nights. Here, on his debut as Scottish Opera's new music director, he made this rarely performed score crackle and spit like bacon in the frying pan.

> 'The rapport between pit and stage never faltered'

Take those omnipresent oom-pah accompaniments, which can be so lame and hackneyed in many hands. Armstrong beefed them up and gave them a drama all their own. And the Scottish Opera orchestra, sounding rejuvenated, brought as much spirit to the delicate moments that are such a feature of this score — the elegiac cello writing that characterises the broken heart of the old Doge; the poignant, floated clarinet melody that symbolises the love of the steadfast wife — as it did to the ferocious fortissimos.

Similarly, the Scottish Opera chorus punched out its big confrontation numbers with tremendous vigour and precision. Moreover, the rapport between pit and stage never faltered for a moment: quite an achievement, given the fact that the opera's central figure was literally sidelined.

Davies's production, picturesquely framed in Ashley Martin-Davis's Venetian-piazza set, had its quirky moments: chairs rose, for no discernible reason, out of trapdoors (one got stuck, inevitably); coat-hangers floated upwards, disembodied. But generally it was sturdy and unpretentious, freezing the ensemble into tableaux whilst the soloists delivered the goods. That is right. For all its great crowd scenes, *Foscari* is essentially about private anguish.

It was a pity, then, that there was no compelling performance from those with most anguish to convey. Burchinal looks as if he might make a useful Doge when he gets his voice back: his acting was dignified and affecting. The part of his son was sung by the much-tipped Chinese tenor whose singular name is Deng, and he certainly won't be winning any Jose Carreras soundalike contests on the strength of this stentorian performance.

In a way, however, his effortful singing suited the role. Foscari junior has a rough old time: exile, prison, madness and death in the course of one opera.

More disappointing was the Bolshoi soprano Katerina Kudriavchenko as his battling wife, Lucrezia. A voice like an inverted pyramid — enormous at the top, but whittled down to a mere whisper of a chest voice — is a major drawback for a Verdi soprano. Her flourishes of coloratura were neat but mechanical, and her timbre never once mirrored her supposed inner turmoil.

Plenty of world-class singing can be found elsewhere in this year's festival. But to hear it, you must rise by 11am and go to the Queen's Hall for the morning recitals. If the illustrious names to come can convey as much involvement as Anne Evans did on Monday, (accompanied by Lionel Friend), Edinburgh is in for vintage music-making.

Those with the lungs to sing Wagner at Bayreuth do not always make the best song-recitalists, and Evans hardly possesses the most silvery soprano in the business. But she chose her ground cannily — the heavyweight effusions of Berg's *Seven Early Songs* and Wagner's Wesendonck Songs, separated by Schumann's *Frauenliebe und -leben* — and produced admirably clean lines, even in Berg's big leaps.

There was a smoothness that never suffocated the words, an urgency (where apposite) that still allowed phrases to be shaped properly.

Most of all, however, Evans communicated meaning to a rapt audience: not just generalised emotion, but an intense response that made sense of every phrase.

Dream of the Hunter's Muse, by Steven Campbell

Too busy to look far back

John Russell Taylor on a show by a bright young Scottish artist

Contemporary visual arts have never been very high on the Edinburgh Festival's agenda. But in recent years the Talbot Rice Gallery has often proved the honorable exception. Last year Will Maclean was the beneficiary of a trend towards mid-career retrospectives for artists in their fifties. Now, to judge by the large retrospective accorded Peter Howson in Glasgow, even younger Scottish artists may be subjected to detailed scrutiny of their brief past and active present.

The excellent book which accompanies the **Steven Campbell** show at the Talbot Rice this year, *The Paintings of Steven Campbell* by the gallery's director, Duncan Macmillan (£9.99), is subtitled "The Story So Far", which seems fair enough for an artist just 40 years old. But clearly Campbell's present is so active that there is no room for even the smallest backward look.

Consequently the show, which fills the capacious gallery to overflowing with 38 mostly large pieces, consists entirely of Campbell's work in the past two years. It is like stepping into a private world.

Campbell has always been an artist who called extensively upon an elaborate personal mythology for his subject matter. A lot of it seems to refer to childhood and its more uncomfortable experiences or fantasies.

Figures that unequivocally represent pubescent boys are frequently involved in witnessing happenings which have some obscure sexual connotations (for example, *Young Boy Imagines His Mother's Hair like a River in a Storm*), or at least contain a suggestive mixture of nudity and full dress.

But even with Campbell's apparently adult men, their physical proportions and attitudes seem (perhaps unconsciously) to suggest that they are little boys playing at or dreaming of being grown up. The implication is reinforced in one of the new series of works on display, on the history of Pinocchio.

There are also a couple of very juvenile Saint Sebastians, a number of what appear to be temptation scenes suggesting the iconography associated with St Anthony, and a series of family scenes explicitly placed in the realm of memory.

All of these are sizeable paintings of oils on canvas or acrylics on paper, rendered in Campbell's usual dashingly improvisatory technique and giving the impression that they are very much hit or miss — though here there seem to be remarkably few misses. But perhaps the most interesting works in the show are a series of intricate collages on canvas.

At first glance, they look as though they are partly woven or embroidered. On closer inspection, the "woven" areas turn out to be put together by laboriously glueing what look like lengths of coloured string close together on the canvas backing so that the texture resembles corduroy.

And what is the purpose of this? Sometimes, as in *Dream of the Hunter's Muse*, it actually represents fabric or the hide of an animal. But usually it appears to be there simply to give surface variation and richness to a medium usually best given to broad, simple effects.

Those are not lacking either, however: perhaps because collage is inevitably associated with Matisse, brilliant Matisse colours quite new in Campbell's repertory predominate. The basic imagery remains recognisably his, but the new medium seems to have given it a new lease of life.

● Steven Campbell. *Talbot Rice Gallery, Old College, South Bridge (031-650 2211) Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, until Sept 11.*

Now here, and there, is a funny thing . . .

Kate Bassett goes in search of amusement among the comedy performers on the Fringe

This year's Fringe Festival has a formidable 188 shows classified as comedy. Next thing you know, it will be half way to theatre, which has 431 shows this year. As always, of course, many of the stand-ups and comic sketches with their eye on the Perrier Awards have got to be joking. Actually, though, the scene is becoming confoundingly and cleverly self-reflective in Edinburgh. A clutch of comedy shows have audiences hooting with laughter by imitating really rubbishy comics.

Huge, a two-man play by **Ben Miller** and **Simon Godley**, satirises a would-be double act — Warren and Clark — holed up in a grungey flat dreaming of doing a gig, getting on the circuit, and wildly spiralling upwards to what sounds like world domination. The joke is somewhat strung out and the acting is not absolutely 100 per cent, but Miller and Godley are definitely hotter properties than Warren and Clark. Moreover, amid the humour, *Huge* has a nasty, Pinteresque edge, exploring manipulative power games and the comedy world turning sour.

Meanwhile, **Lee Evans** starts his act with a brilliant burlesque of an absolute no-hoper desperately practising being funny in the privacy of his own home. Putting a crackling LP on a record-player, Evans struggles to follow the phummy voiced, embarrassingly passé instructions on "how to do stand-up", literally step by step.

Sweating so copiously that he frequently has to swab his face with a towel, Evans gives a breathtakingly polished, fantastically physical performance. Not only does he jabber through three or four times the average number of gags, he also zooms madly around the stage like a deflating balloon, combining the mannerisms of a chimp and Quasimodo, pulling hideous faces, doing DIY sound effects and flicking between squeaky voices and deep-throated gurgles. This man has fizz. I bet he drinks Perrier.

Harry Hill was last year's most promising newcomer in the Perrier Awards. With clunky spectacles, a suit slightly-too-small and open shirt with the collar sticking up, Hill is, in appearance, part trendy Teddy boy, part dishevelled vicar.

Emo Philips: a delight

Hill loves a hybrid. His new show, *Eggs*, is a concoction with an ounce of everything thrown in and given a distracted stir: a deliberately grotty Beatles impression; a struggle with an imaginary stubborn donkey; a jerky home movie of a 1950s couple in the park; and mock scientific experiments during which samples of underwear are inserted in the CD slot of a hi-fi and "played".

Hill's surreal monologue skids around. He rattles on, telephoning somebody who is dissecting a sperm whale beneath the stage and analysing felt-tip scribbles with a lecturer's pointy stick, like Rolf Harris trying to blag his way into academia.

Hill attains his personal pinnacle when abandoning himself to illogicality or hitting an excellent one-liner amid the drivel. The sketches with Alan, his sidekick, are short on laughs. Puerility and deliberate shoddiness wears thin and Hill's ramblings are Eddie Izzard-ish but less charming and less consistently hilarious. In all, the show is a bit of a curate's egg.

Stand Up Black America — a show consisting of three extended sets from United States performers — is a rotten evening's entertainment. Ian Edwards's jokes about Jamaica are mildly enjoyable but Renee Hicks and Suli McCullough have, disastrously, done no research on which American references are hopelessly obscure over here and which need no explanation. Word *has* reached us of a certain Ross Perot.

Emo Philips, by contrast, is a sheer delight. He is also American yet is effortlessly intercontinental. Physically, he resembles a young Catweazel, or maybe Barry Manilow processed through a Parisian mime school. He is all elongated limbs, pacing to and fro and rubbing his head obsessively like an anorexic harlequin with an awful hangover and even worse neuroses. He wears his orange and black satin penguin-suit with all the finesse of somebody in crumpled pyjamas.

Chortling over distinctly adult sexual fantasies, he wriggles about like a little boy, his hands buckle inwards, a disturbing suggestion of physical or mental sickness, and his voice hits strange high notes, the vowels drawled unsettlingly. He creates hilarious tall stories about his child-hating parents and acts like a junkie with an addled brain.

Actually, he is on the ball, improvising exquisitely when sallying out into the audience, pulling punchlines that leave your head spinning, and deftly combining a sweet clown-like persona with sicko humour. This is utterly idiosyncratic stand-up: refreshing, cranky and extraordinarily funny.

● *Huge, Stand Up Black America and Harry Hill are at the Pleasance. Lee Evans and Emo Philips are at the Assembly Rooms.*

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EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

THE PERSIANS: Peter Sellars's production of the Aeschylus tragedy, a tricky text to bring to life but Sellars is a director who manages it.
Royal Lyceum, Grindlay St Daily until Sat (Aug 21), 7.30pm, mats tomorrow and Sat 2.30pm Ⓢ Festival box office 031-225 5756.

A SCOTS QUAIR: Glasgow's TAG Theatre dramatises the three parts of Lewis Grassic Gibbon's trilogy, telling the story of Chris Guthrie's journey from life on a remote farm to marriage and politics during the Depression.
Assembly Hall, The Mound. **Sunset Song**, opened Tue 7pm, also plays Fri 7pm. **Cloud Howe**, opens tonight, 7pm; **Grey Granite**: opens tomorrow, 7pm. Then on various dates till September 4. All 3 parts performed on Saturdays, at 1.30pm, 4.30pm and 8pm. Ⓢ Festival box office as before.

THE LONDON PHILHARMONIC. Frank Peter Zimmerman plays the Beethoven violin concerto with the LPO under Franz Welser-Möst, as part of a popular programme of Beethoven and Brahms.
Usher Hall, Lothian Road. Tonight, 8pm Ⓢ Festival box office as before

EDINBURGH FRINGE

EDDIE IZZARD: The popular *comedian with his quasi-improvisational* style returns to the festival after a sell-out three-month run in London
George Square Theatre, George Square (031-650 2001) Daily until Sat, 10.15pm.

SINGING THE NEWS: Desperate

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Sara Yelland

Measures presents poetry in action from the *Guardian*'s Simon Rae assisted by Radio 4's Bill Wallis and singer/songwriter Sue Casson.
Church Hill Theatre, Morningside Road (031-447 7597) Daily until Sat, 12.30pm.

ELSEWHERE

CHICHESTER: Patrick Garland directs Keith Baxter and Debra Beaumont in **Elvira 40** by Brigitte Jaques. Eminent French actor Louis Jouvet is giving a masterclass on Molière as German forces sweep towards Paris.
Minerva, Oaklands Park (0243 781312) Previews tonight, tomorrow, 7.45pm Opens Fri 7.45pm. Then Mon to Sat 7.45pm, mat Sat 2.45pm. Till September 11.

LONDON: **The Cenci**, Shelley's only stage play, on patriarchal tyranny and murder in 16th century Italy, revived by Damned Poets Theatre Co for the bicentenary of his birth.
Lyric Studio, King St, Hammersmith (081-741 2311). *Preview tonight*, 7.30pm. Opens tomorrow, 7pm. Then Mon to Sat 7.30pm, Mats Sat 2.30pm. Till Sept 11.

LONDON: At tonight's Proms Kurt Sanderling conducts the European Community Youth Orchestra in Brahms's Double Concerto in A minor and Rachmaninov's Symphony No 2 in E minor.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 (071-589 8212) Tonight, 7.30pm.

LONDON: The renamed Offstage Downstairs opens with a revival of the Dario Fo/Franca Rame comedy **The Open Couple**: a husband is alarmed when his wife takes literally his demand for greater freedom.
Camden Studio Theatre, 37 Chalk Farm Road, NW1 (071-916 4040). Opens tonight, 8pm. Then Mon to Sat 8pm Till September 11

LONDON: Already performed to great acclaim in Europe and now given its British premiere, **The Cave** is a dramatic collaboration between minimalist composer Steve Reich and his wife, the video artist Beryl Korot, using thirteen musicians, four singers and five giant video screens to explore both the relationship between music and image and, more obliquely, some aspects of the Arab-Israeli conflict. Paul Hillier conducts.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800). Tonight-next Mon, 7.30pm. Ⓢ

TUNBRIDGE WELLS: The enterprising 606 Theatre combine with Eos Chamber Orchestra to present **The Beggar's New Clothes**, a revision by Dic Edwards of **The Beggars' Opera**. Part of Broomhill Opera Festival, and due at London's Cockpit Theatre the following week.
David Salomon's Estate, Broomhill Road, Southborough, T Wells 80892 517720). Preview tonight, 7.30pm. Opens tomorrow, 7.30pm. Then Fri 7.30pm, Sat 2.30pm and 7.30pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◪ **Some seats available**
□ **Seats at all prices**

◪ **CITY OF ANGELS**: Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in L.A. and the world of the private eye movie.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat. 2.30pm. 160mins.

□ **A CONNECTICUT YANKEE**: Ian Talbot revives the Rodgers/Hart musical based on Mark Twain. Witty lyrics, pretty songs.
Open Air Theatre, Regent's Park, NW1 (071-486 2431) Tonight, 8pm.

◪ **CRAZY FOR YOU**: Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm 150mins. Ⓢ

◪ **GODSPELL**: Candy-flavoured Christianity. The 1970s hit revived for a month, with Andy Crane, Gemma Craven.
Barbican Hall, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891) Tue to Sun 7.30pm (not Sun Aug 22) plus a final performance Mon, Aug 30, 7.30pm Mats Sat 3pm Till August 30

□ **GORMENGHAST**: The Dowd Glass Ensemble in London again after another nation-wide tour with their thrilling version of Mervyn Peake
Lyric, King St, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat (Aug 21, 28), 2.30pm

■ **GREASE**: Energetic, well-danced revival taking a nostalgic look at the innocent 1950s. Sadly skimpy story of teenage love, but the tunes are catchy. Craig McLachlan stars in the lead role which was first played over here by Richard Gere
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 8845). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat. 3pm. 150mins.

□ **HERE**. Iain Glen, Teresa Banham, Brenda Bruce in new Michael Frayn play: the anxieties of moving into a new home, the implications of a bad here and not there.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham St, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon to Sat 8pm, mats Thurs 3pm and Sat 4pm. Limited run, ends September 11

□ **THE LAST YANKEE**: Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere: Margot Leicester, Matthew Marsh lead a quartet of troubled Americans.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs. 3pm and Sat. 5pm 90mins Ⓢ

□ **MACBETH**: An idiosyncratic performance by Alan Howard in Richard Eyre's murky production. Last week.
National (Oliver), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm, mats today, Sat, 2pm. 140 mins. Ⓢ

■ **THE MADNESS OF GEORGE III**: Revival of Alan Bennett's clever history play. Nigel Hawthorne returns in the performance of his life
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.15pm.

□ **MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING**: Shakespeare on Shaftesbury Avenue, with Mark Rylance and Janet McTeer, proves funnier and friendlier than many a subsidised production.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 165mins.

■ **OLEANNA**. David Suchet. Lia Williams in Mamet's blistering new play about political correctness in an American college: passionate argument, riveting drama. Last week.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 130mins.

□ **PRESENT LAUGHTER**. Tom Conti is seriously off-target in the Noël Coward role which the author himself described as "a mixture of self-exposure and self-celebration".
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

□ **SEPARATE TABLES**: Peter Bowles, Patricia Hodge tap heart-felt emotions in Peter Hall's welcome revival of Rattigan.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs. 3pm and Sat, 4pm. 150mins. Ⓢ

■ **SUNSET BOULEVARD**: Triumph for Patti Lupone as the faded star in Lloyd-Webber's success, less cynical than the Wilder film but a thrilling occasion. Trevor Nunn directs.
Adelphi Theatre, Strand, WC2 (071-344 0055). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sats, 3pm.

□ **THE TAMING OF THE SHREW**: Bill Alexander's lively and continually surprising production of this familiar, yet provoking play. With Amanda Harris and Anton Lesser.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). *Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 180mins.*

LONG RUNNERS: □ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) □ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . ◪ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) . . . ◪ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) . . . ◪ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) . . . ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) . . . ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) . . . □ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . □ **On The Piste**: Garrick (071-494 5085) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) . . . ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . □ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119) . . . □ **The Woman In Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

A FAR OFF PLACE (PG): Orphaned teenagers flee across the Kalahari desert. Acceptable old-fashioned entertainment. Directed by Mikael Salomon, with Reese Witherspoon, Ethan Randall
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057)

APRES L'AMOUR (15): French love tangles, carefully unravelled by director Diane Kurys and an excellent cast Isabelle Huppert, Hypolite Girardot, Bernard Giraudeau.
Curzon Mayfair (071-499 3737)

IN COLD BLOOD (18): Handsome but ponderous 1967 version of Capote's book about crime and punishment. With Robert Blake, Scott Wilson Director, Richard Brooks.
ICA Cinema (071-930 3647)

MADE IN AMERICA (12): Dotish cross-cultural farce, made to measure for Whoopi Goldberg and Ted Danson Richard Benjamin directs.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-630 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Whiteleys** (071-792 3303)

THE VANISHING (12): Forget Hollywood's remake: see this splendid Dutch version of George Sluzer's tale about the disappearing girlfriend. With Bernard-Pierre Donnadieu, Johanna ter Steege
Metro (071-437 0757)

CURRENT

◆ **THE ASSASSIN** (18): Bridget Fonda's criminal gets reborn as a government assassin. Efficient remake of Luc Besson's Nikita. With Gabriel Byrne; director, John Badham.
MGM Fulham Road Ⓢ (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** Ⓢ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332).

◆ **BAMBI** (U): Disney's classic about a young deer's forest life: still magical and moving after 51 years. The forties colour is still rich: superb use of perspective. Director, David Hand.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Panton Street** (071-930 0631) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Mezzanine** (0426-915 683) **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3303).

EQUINOX (15). Alan Rudolph's intoxicating tale of lost souls in a crumbling metropolis, jam-packed with visual magic. With Matthew Modine, Lara Flynn Boyle.
Metro (071-437 0757).

GROUNDHOG DAY (PG): Harold Ramis's marvellously fresh, humane comedy about a weatherman (played by Bill Murray) who always wakes up to the same day. Also starring Andie MacDowell
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** Ⓢ (0426 915683)

Monteverdi better indoors

L'incoronazione di Poppea: gorgeous, pouting Poppea (Sylvia McNair, left) and petulant yet magnetic Nero (Philip Langridge, centre)

Alan Blyth, in his first report from the Salzburg Festival, reviews three opera productions, of Monteverdi and Verdi

New-look Salzburg, *master-minded by the iconoclastic* Gérard Mortier, certainly justified its existence with this year's major presentation. Monteverdi's **L'incoronazione di Poppea** in the Grosses Festpielhaus to mark the 350th anniversary of the composer's death. The building's vast spaces were imaginatively filled by producer Jürgen Flimm and his designer Rolf Glittenburg to reveal every aspect of the composer's masterpiece while never over-egging the pudding.

Indeed, as *aperçu* followed *aperçu*, one was left wondering if the contrasts between tragedy and comedy had ever been made so starkly manifest. Predictions that Monteverdi would turn off the traditional *Eleganz* and *Eminenz* of Salzburg have been proved wrong: the huge house has been full.

The stage divides between Poppea's flowery boudoir and a Roman arena within which panels move unobtrusively to foreshorten or enlarge the stage. In front of the orchestra is a ramp onto which the principals, at *pertinent moments, move to express* particular emotions and commune with the audience. Costumes manage cleverly and positively to mix periods without offence — except in the case of the boys in baseball caps and tracksuits who play Amor.

Flimm's ideas are arresting. Nero and Poppea are first espied caressing tenderly, erotically in the doorway of her chamber, unwilling to part. Garbed all in white, Seneca cuts his wrists and dies before our eyes in his bathtub. Nero leaps across the stage to attack the self-accusing Drusilla. Ottavia laments her enforced exile while standing against a bleak backcloth of a vast grey wall.

Musically the evening is commanded by Nikolaus Harnoncourt and his Concentus Musicus at their most compelling, supporting a superb cast of well-known names and exciting newcomers. Harnoncourt, an experienced Monteverdian, uses just enough, no more, instruments to fill the large house and pares some away as suits the musical situation. He is his own *souffleur*, mouthing every word for his singers throughout and conducting with an ideal momentum and intensity. The audience is helped to understand by the first use of surtitles at the festival.

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Before him he has Sylvia McNair's gorgeous, pouting Poppea, at once incipient empress and seductive mistress, singing and acting to secure the heart of any and every man, yet never overdoing the eroticism. Her prey is the nail-biting (literally), wilful, petulant yet magnetic Nero of Philip Langridge in what is surely the crowning performance of his distinguished career. He is wholly at home on the vast stage as he walks and skips about it eagerly chasing Nero's latest whim, and his singing is alternately mellifluous and bitingly incisive.

As Ottavia, Marjana Lipovsek marvellously enacts jealousy, loneliness, vindictive fury and eventually tragic sorrow, entirely in control of the house as is Kurt Moll as a sonorous, resigned Seneca. As the cruelly-treated, nervous Ottone, Jochen Kowalski delineates envy, fear and love through his piercing eyes and mobile body while managing to project his diaphanous countertenor into the wide spaces.

The discovery of the evening was Andrea Rost, a dream of a Drusilla, vocally and dramatically. Hans Jürgen Lazar's bleaty tenor was just right for Arnalta. Poppea's busybody nurse. Even the smallest role was well taken and merged into a tightly controlled ensemble.

Monteverdi's **L'Orfeo**, given *en plein air* in the evocative courtyard of the Residenz, fares much less well. Herbert Wernicke's *Conzept* staging in his own decor set the piece in modern times with the participants in evening dress. The members of the cast were part of a banquet for the wedding of Orpheus and Eurydice. The results were as pretentious as they were unconvincing and sometimes unintentionally funny, as when a guest for some reason goes into a frenzy of self-flagellation and twitching with his tailshirts.

British tenors are much in evidence at the festival this summer. Besides *Langridge, Anthony Rolfe Johnson* is to sing Lucio Silla. Here Laurence Dale was Orpheus. He hasn't quite the personality to sustain the long role but his singing was often affecting. Debora Beronesi was a tense, articulate Messenger. Nobody else made much impression.

René Jacobs, directing an edition prepared by him and Clifford Bartlett, and his Concerto Vocale were authentic interpreters, but Jacobs occasionally indulged his penchant for slow tempos and over-langourous expression. As a whole the evening was too self-conscious for its own or Monteverdi's good.

Verdi without the Monte was represented by Luca Ronconi's staging of **Falstaff**, already presented at the Easter Festival. He and his designer *Margherita Palli* seemed defeated by the long stage of the Grosses Festspielhaus. The inn was a huge barn of a place like nothing ever imagined by Shakespeare and the finale was a muddle.

Nothing in between was any more convincing. Solti's conducting was full of subtle detail finely exposed by the Vienna Philharmonic but as a reading it was stiff-limbed, wanting wit, as was José van Dam's securely sung account of the title role. Pleasure was limited to the exquisite singing of Luciana Serra as Mistress Ford and of the Fenton and Nannetta of Luca Canonici and Elizabeth Noberg Schulz. Yet another British tenor, Kim Begley, made his mark as Dr Caius. But, as a whole this was a throwback to the dull, conventional Salzburg of the later Karajan years.

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Architects deserve a fair trial

The construction and renovation of court buildings is too important to be governed purely by cost, insists **Marcus Binney**

The savagery of the Beeching axe on the railways has long been deplored. But Lord Beeching's attack on the court system, mounted three years later in 1966, was almost equally fierce. "In many places, particularly in some of the large towns, the court buildings are a disgrace to the bodies which own and maintain them," he wrote.

With these words, some of the most complete and evocative historic interiors in the country were condemned. While railway architecture had numerous champions, nobody stood up to argue the case for preserving the best historic courts in use.

The great castle courts at Carlisle, listed Grade I, and designed by Sir Robert Smirke, architect of the British Museum, have lain empty since new courts opened last year. "The woodwork is all in perfect condition, like box pews in a church," says a spokesman for the city's planning office. In St George's Hall, Liverpool, held to be the finest neo-classical building in Britain, the majestic courtrooms stand empty and unlikely to find a new use unless the elaborate woodwork is largely stripped out.

In Northampton the splendid 1670s Sessions House lies idle, replaced by hideous new courtrooms on The Mount. In Lancaster Thomas Harrison's exquisite 1799 courtroom in the castle, (the Shire Hall), with its attendant Grand Jury room, is to close in 1996 when new courts open in Preston. In Presteigne, the little county town of Radnor, the disused court in the Shire Hall of 1829 is almost as deserving a candidate for the National Trust as the old Post Office at Tintagel.

And this year the opening of new courts in Bradford has prompted the closing of a beautiful Regency courthouse in Wakefield, a remarkable untouched Victorian courtroom in the town hall at Dewsbury, and two Georgian courts in Huddersfield.

The immediate effect of Beeching's report was the Courts Act of 1971, transferring courts built and run by counties and boroughs to the Lord Chancellor's Department. To date, more than £500 million has been spent on new courts in England and Wales. The 129 schemes completed so far include 65 new crown courts, 32 new county courts, a score of combined courts and major extensions to the Royal Courts of Justice in London. Last year new courts were formally opened in Harrow, Kendal, Leicester, Luton, Newport, St Albans and Warrington. This year they follow in Bradford, Bristol and Woolwich.

> 'Repeated criticisms of new designs have had little effect'

One striking aspect of the literature from the Lord Chancellor's Department is that the architects of the new courts are rarely mentioned — only the contractor or project managers. The tradition of anonymity stems partly from the long period (lasting until 1988) when the court-building programme was handled by the government's Property Services Agency. But, as so often happens, anonymity has been a cloak for mediocrity. Repeated criticisms from the Royal Fine Art Commission of new designs have had little effect on the way buildings are commissioned.

The best architects are rarely chosen. The Richard Rogers Partnership has won competitions for both the Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg (to open next year) and the new courts in Bordeaux. But they have never even been approached by the LCD. The one exception is the elegant new court at Truro, designed by Evans and Shalev, but this was a one-off commission prompted by Michael Heseltine to compensate them for the loss of another project they had won in competition.

Instead the LCD selects its architects by competitive tender, not by the quality of design but by the fee the architects propose to charge. The architects invited to tender, I was told, are usually those who did court work for the Property Services Agency in the past.

A good building is usually one that is conceived, designed in detail and built under the supervision of one capable architect or a closely knit team. Not so in the LCD. One architect may take the project to "sketch design" stage, presenting it to local planners, the judiciary and court staff. Then construction companies, with their own designers, will be invited to bid for the contract. The result is that about half the time the architect doing the detailed drawings and the one supervising construction are different.

The LCD likes this system because the buildings are completed to budget and the quality of construction and finish has proved good. But what about design? "There are really only two possible layouts for new court buildings, a linear design and a doughnut." I was told by the Lord Chancellor's Department.

Why is the LCD so averse to competitions and the new talent they would bring? The best answer I received was that "they do not fit in with our financial and procedural systems". The result is a long series of large buildings, prominently placed in major historic towns and cities, that at best are bland, and at worst are blockish, badly massed, lacking in fine or imaginative detailing, and out of scale with their surroundings.

Such a cosy, inward-looking approach shuts out the fresh thinking which is urgently needed. Paul Chadd, a QC on the Western Circuit, says: "None of the new courts addresses the big problem of the intimidation of witnesses. There is not one court where witnesses can be brought in without passing members of the public." Yet a few hostile staring eyes can unnerve a witness. The most the LCD will provide at present is a separate witness room.

Comparing new courtrooms with old, it is surprising how little the layout has changed. What condemns the old courthouses is the lack of facilities, such as consulting rooms for barristers, retiring rooms for jurors and offices for court staff. Yet the problem of older courts can lie less with the original design and more with piecemeal alterations which have resulted in a nightmare configuration of cubby holes and changes of level.

A good example are the recently refurbished Crown Courts at Gloucester, with two half-moon courtrooms designed by Smirke. Here original stonework has been carefully exposed and cleaned and facilities improved, but the Clerk and her staff have been left in cramped quarters. And just as the Victorian furniture has been thrown out, the new judges' chambers have been given an overpowering dark Victorian wallpaper.

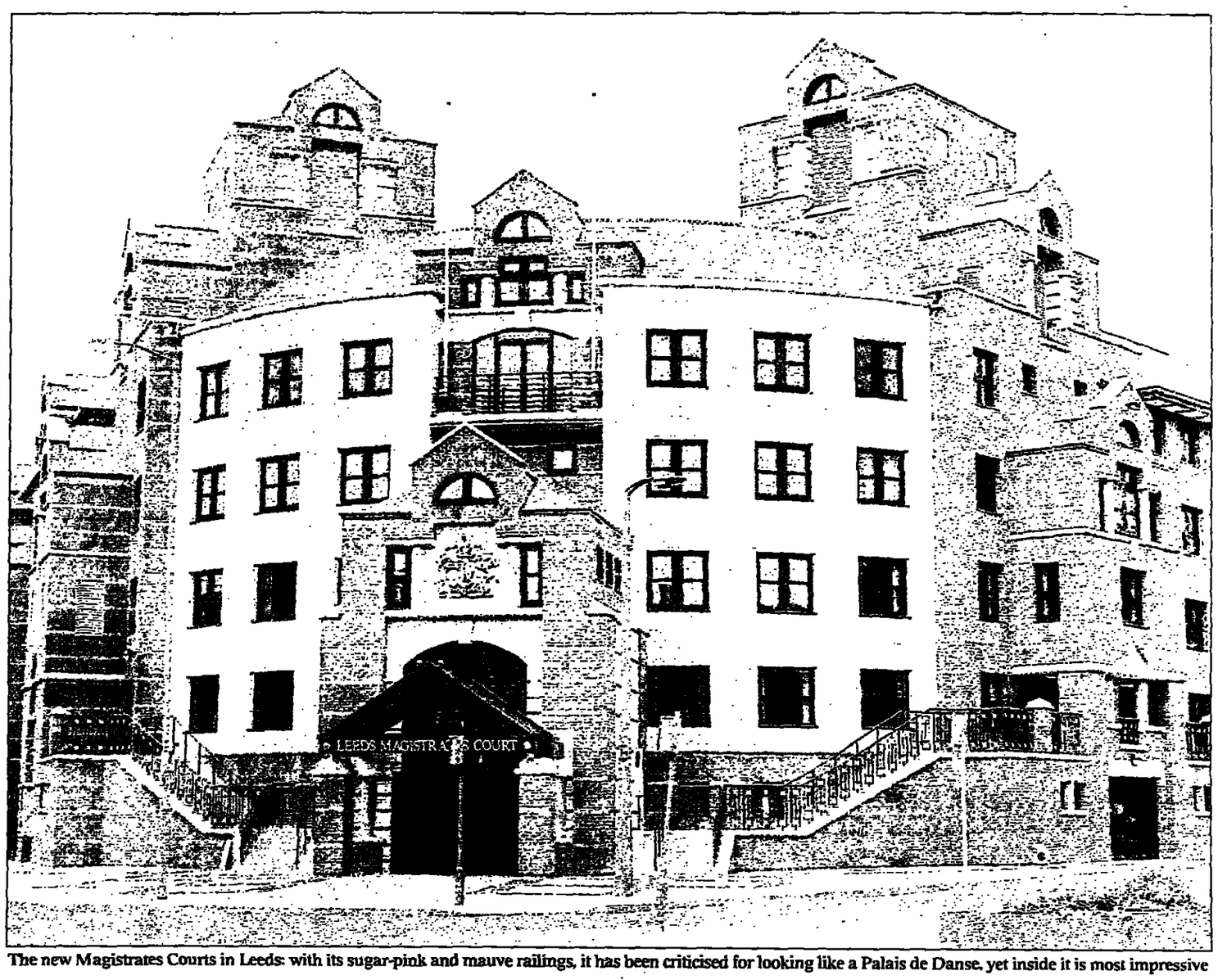
What is needed is the approach of Sir Norman Foster at the Royal Academy where ingenious replanning and the introduction of natural lighting from above has transformed back areas and vastly improved circulation around the building. The benefits of using a first-class architect are apparent in the recent refurbishment of the courts at Lincoln Castle, done by Rodney Melville and Partners. Other successful refurbishments are at Middlesex Guildhall and York Crown Court.

Nevertheless, important changes are needed if the LCD is to meet the repeated commitment by the present government to quality in new architecture and care for listed buildings. First, competitions should be held for all major new buildings. Second, a detailed, comprehensive study, based on documentary research, should be made of all historic courts, including a full photographic survey, to establish which are so fine or complete that they should, if at all possible, be kept in use. Third, historic furniture and contents from disused courts should not simply be sold off but offered to local museums.

The task is the more urgent as the LCD is now embarking on an ambitious programme of rebuilding Magistrates Courts, with a budget of £50-60 million a year.

The newly-opened Magistrates Courts in Leeds, complete with sugar-pink and mauve railings, has been criticised for looking like a Palais de Danse. Yet inside, with 20 new courtrooms on three levels, it is decidedly impressive, with an airy staircase rotunda, and long columned galleries clad in white terrazzo. The designs were provided by the city council but by the time the building was begun the interior represented a complete change of architectural approach quite different from the joky, post-modernism of the exterior.

In Gloucester, the magistrates and the county council have recently brought in Quinlan Terry, following the rejection of a modernist design by Ahrends Burton & Koralek after an enquiry. Given the damage done to Gloucester by hard-line modernism in the Sixties and Seventies, the appeal of an elegant classical building by Terry is obvious.



The new Magistrates Courts in Leeds: with its sugar-pink and mauve railings, it has been criticised for looking like a Palais de Danse, yet inside it is most impressive

Vibrant scenes of celebration

Finland's role as a bridge between Russia and Europe makes it a perfect setting for a Chagall exhibition. **Hilary Finch** reports

Two hours by old wooden lake steamer from Savonlinna and its opera festival, and hidden at the heart of a thickly forested island, is Retretti, the largest and one of the most celebrated arts centres in the Nordic countries. Its unique system of galleries, concert halls and exhibition spaces is hewn out of bedrock into a labyrinth of caves and underground grottoes. Throughout the short, intense Finnish summer, it hosts a plethora of international exhibits, from the wilder, Disneyland excesses of an American glass sculptor to the cool sobriety of modern Korean ceramics.

Upstairs, where, in a manner reminiscent of Glasgow's Burrell Collection, glass walls frame the external canvas of tall, white birches and high white clouds, Retretti this year displays its prize: an important and revelatory exhibition of Marc Chagall which has arrived in Finland from New York, en route to the Israel Museum in Jerusalem.

Finland has always enjoyed its role as an artistic, no less than political, bridge between Russia and Europe. In 1916, at the end of an era when Helsinki, as capital of the Russian Empire's Grand Duchy, had enjoyed particularly close artistic links with St Petersburg, an exhibition of 36 Chagalls was displayed in Helsinki's Salon Strindberg. Several of these increasingly fascinating early works, and contemporary pieces related to them, now reappear for the first time in Finland, culled from the museums and private collections of Russia.

When Chagall returned to his home town of Vitebsk from Paris in 1914, he set out to paint "everything that met my eyes". "I never walked down the street," he said, "without my box of paints." The rhythms and rituals of Jewish-Russian life are reaffirmed: sharpened by the colour symbolism of the new abstraction, given new space and air to breathe by his period of distance from them.

In 1914 Chagall painted his father, in the blue of the herring trade, eyes anxious and quizzical, pressed in upon by woman and cat. He painted *The Clock*, a heavy icon of time, in sickly Dostoevskian yellow, bearing down on a tiny human figure crouched in a dark window, bottom left.

Three years later came *The Promenade*. A confidently grounded man and rapturously levitating woman gaze out, hand in hand, from a wide white sky over a green world. They become the floating pair in the famous *Over the Town*, a rhapsodic celebration of the fusion of body and spirit, global and local, sublime and ridiculous. This is the Chagall who loved Gogol for his fantasy and irony, who played mischievously with Cubism, and who rejoiced in both the coarsely material (the scales, weights and measures of the *Shop in Vitebsk*) and the sudden dematerialisation (*Lovers in Blue*).

These early paintings, many hitherto hidden in Russian private collections, are a revelation. The exhibition's chief triumph, though, is its display of the seven great murals painted in 1920 for the Jewish Theatre in Moscow. Chagall regarded them as his most significant achievement; yet, from 1937-1991 they were hidden from sight in the Tretyakov Gallery, Moscow, saved from the Terror and, at last, lovingly restored.

Ritual splendour and wit: detail from the mural *Music*

When Chagall was invited, initially, to work on sets and scenery for this Yiddish-speaking, Stanlislavskian theatre, he seized on the chance to link stage and auditorium in an iconographical and acrobatic fantasy which would "turn the old Jewish theatre upside down, with all its psychological naturalism and false beards". At Retretti, the *Introduction to the Jewish Theatre*, and *The Wedding Table* preside, in ritual splendour and wit, over the four upright "muse" murals: *Music*, with its green-faced fiddler on the roof, *Dance*, *Drama*, and *Literature*, with its Torah scribe enclosed in a vibrant blue pyramid of learning, out of which a white cow irreverently moos Chagall's name.

RADIO REVIEW: **Derwent May** accompanies a Labour MP along Hadrian's Wall

In touch with Roman Britain

David Blunkett's main job these days seems to be to get up on television and find fault with whatever the government does. The Labour MP has become carper-in-chief on the television news. So it must have been some relief to him to go up to Hadrian's Wall in **Blunkett on Borders** (Tuesday, Radio 4) and find things to praise all along the route. He was able to show that he has also got a gentle, appreciative voice.

In Carlisle he visited a museum whose garden stands at the very centre of the original Roman fort, and was allowed to fire a reconstructed Roman crossbow at what the director claimed was a Roman sheep skull. A loud shout that followed was not the cry of an unintended victim, but a recorded word of congratulation from a Roman centurion. They go in for authenticity in Carlisle.

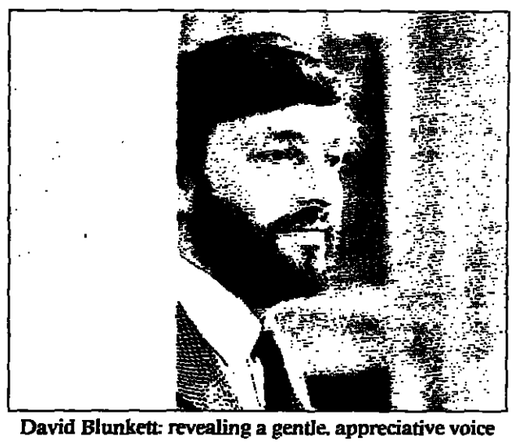
Further along the wall he visited Vindolanda, where five successive forts were built on top of each other, and a treasure trove of Roman objects has been found preserved in the air-tight layers of turf between them. Blunkett squelched about in the layer where the dig is currently going on, wearing wellingtons and studying old Roman boots. He was particularly fascinated by one with a hole cut in the upper where the wearer evidently had a corn. But the director said: "We're fed up with Roman footwear — we've already got over three and a half thousand of them."

I hope it is not indelicate to add that Blunkett's blindness never handicapped him on his journey, and was in no way obtrusive. It was just mentioned in a natural way from time to time, when people handed him objects and said things such as "You can feel how beautifully that's made."

I do not think that Blunkett, Labour MP though he is, would have much cared for the new so-called comedy programme about doctors on Radio 4 (Fridays), **Struck Off and Die**. Two genuine doctors (or so one is led to understand), Phil Hammond and Tony Gardner, offer comments and sketches on the medical scene. But their jokes are more tired than a houseman who has not slept for four nights. Our two doctors seem to think that any lewd cliché, any hoary old prejudice, is a riot of laughter. Listen to this quickfire exchange: "One of the amazing things about being a doctor is that you can stick your finger in someone's bottom within a minute of meeting them." "Yes, it's a bit like the Young Conservatives, really."

This instalment was mainly jokes about surgeons, and all the weary old chestnuts were given their moment — upper-class accents, inane arguments ("I say, old chap, is a vindaloo hotter than a tindaloo?"), cheers when the patient died ("Saved two, killed one!"). An extraordinary audience howled with mirth at everything — I think they must have been nurses and porters who were so tired that every crack at the establishment seemed funny — or else had been drafted in by Nupe.

I believe the BBC know they are not on to a winner here. They did what they normally do in such circumstances: call the first programme in the series "controversial", then tuck it away late at night.



David Blunkett: revealing a gentle, appreciative voice

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Walker Cup teams open new chapter

By John Hopkins
Golf Correspondent

FOUR years ago Jim Milligan squared up to defeat. In the second afternoon's singles of the Walker Cup, the Scot, playing bottom for Great Britain and Ireland, was two down with three holes to go against Jay Sigel, the anchor man of the American team, their oldest competitor, their most experienced man. It looked like curtains for Milligan. His face was pale and drawn in the intense heat and humidity of a late summer's afternoon in Atlanta and his shirt was sodden with perspiration.

That meant it looked curtains for the visiting team, too. GB & Ireland, who begin their latest challenge for the trophy in the United States today, had held an improbable lead beginning the last afternoon's singles and needed only 1½ points from the eight singles to record their first victory in the United States. The Americans recovered so well that the match now depended on Milligan and Sigel.

That Milligan pulled off one of the most heroic comebacks in the history of amateur golf is indisputable. He chipped almost dead on the 16th, fluffed his first chip on the 17th, only to hole his next. Sigel, as nervous as a kitten, was making uncharacteristic mistakes. Somehow, with the tension as great as the heat, Milligan managed to halve the last hole to halve his match and make sure that GB & Ireland won that historic victory.

This put the cap on what had already been a remarkable few years for European golf. Bernhard Langer won the 1985 US Masters and Sandy Lyle that year's Open. The Curtis Cup team triumphed in the US for the first time in 1986. Europe won the Ryder Cup in 1985 at The Belfry and in 1987 for the first time in the US. Those were all events that are scored into the memory, impossibly exciting. Milligan's performance loses little by comparison.

And now here we are in the heat again, this time in the heart of Garrison Keillor country, for the 34th Walker Cup match. It was here at Interlachen Country Club in Minneapolis in 1930 that the great amateur, Bobby Jones, won the US Open, the third leg of his unprecedented four victories in the Opens and Amateur championships of the US and Britain. That feat was known as the Impregnable Quadrilateral, the forerunner of today's grand slam.

Interlachen does not look as though much has changed these past 63 years. Its clubhouse is a classic. It has a swimming pool, tennis courts and dozens of teenage caddies in white shirts, shorts and sneakers.

The course is a gem, an old-style test of golf that demands accuracy and defends its honour. At 6,700 yards it is not long by modern standards. It was renovated in 1919 by Donald Ross who had just finished laying out the Inverness club, where the US PGA has just ended.

Whether the US sweep to a thirtieth success or GB & Ireland capture only their fourth victory is difficult to forecast. The US have home advantage and an overwhelming edge in experience with four men in their forties. Sigel, making his ninth successive Walker Cup appearance, is not only more than twice as old as the oldest GB & Ireland player but older than George McGregor, the visiting captain.

The visitors have only one player who has played in the Walker Cup before, the Irishman, Padraig Harrington. "This is our youngest team ever," McGregor said. "They have a lot of youthful enthusiasm and are very, very positive."

It is doubtful that at the end of the two days' morning foursomes and afternoon singles there will be much in it. Garrison Keillor's Lake Wobegon is a long way from the Interlachen Country Club.

WALKER CUP TEAMS

UNITED STATES: D Berganio (Sylmar, California, age 24), T Demsey (Rancho Sante Fe, California, 21), A Doyle (La Grange, Georgia, 45), B Gay (Daleville, Alabama, 22), J Harris (Edina, Minnesota, 41), T Herron (Wayzata, Minnesota, 23), J Leonard (Dallas, Texas, 21), K Mitchum (Southern Pines, N Carolina, 22), J Sigel (Collegeville, Pennsylvania, 49), D Yates (Atlanta, Georgia, 43). Non-playing captain: V Giles.

GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND: R Burns (Banbridge, N Ireland, 19), S Cage (Sand Moor, England, 20), B Dredge (Bryn Meadows, Wales, 20), P Harrington (Stackstown, Ireland, 22), P Page (Dartford, England, 22), V Phillips (Stoke Poges, England, 21), I Pyman (Sand Moor, England, 20), D Robertson (Cochrane Castle, Scotland, 23), R Russell (Longniddry, Scotland, 21), M Stanford (Salford, England, 24). Non-playing captain: G Macgregor.

City foiled again as Harkes plumps for Derby

By Peter Ball

THE news that John Harkes joined Derby County yesterday completed a frustrating 24 hours for Manchester City. City had enquired about the American international following their decision not to pursue their interest in Paul Stewart, Liverpool's England midfield player.

That decision was the latest setback in a frustrating summer's searching for midfield reinforcements for their manager, Peter Reid. He had already failed to sign Andy Townsend, the Ireland captain, from Chelsea and Geoff Thomas from Crystal Palace, in both cases City failing to compete financially. City had also enquired unsuccessfully for Trevor Sinclair, who joined Queens Park Rangers last week.

What makes it particularly galling for City supporters has been the sight of Manchester United spending £3.7 million on Roy Keane to build up an already powerful squad. The conclusion many are drawing is that City either lack the ambition or the money to compete at the highest level.

Reid was quick to deny stories of a rift with Peter Swales, the City chairman, over the failure to sign Stewart, but there is little doubt that the lack of financial resources is beginning to frustrate him. Reid also denied reports that he has approached Ipswich Town for their forward, Chris Kiwomya, a second time after an approach was rejected last season.

City, in the end, did not follow up their initial enquiry about Harkes, who spent the weekend debating whether to join Derby. He agreed to do so yesterday. No fee has been set, but it is likely to be in the region of £1 million.

"I've been very impressed by what I've seen of Derby," Harkes said yesterday. "I'm hoping now for a top-class season with both my country and my club."

The money for Harkes will go some way towards helping Trevor Francis, the Sheffield Wednesday manager, raise the money to buy Andy Sinton from Queens Park Rangers. Arsenal cleared the way for a renewed Wednesday offer yesterday when George Graham withdrew his interest in the player.

Like Harkes, Sinton had asked for the weekend to think over a move to Highbury, but his failure to contact Graham yesterday provoked the Arsenal manager into unilateral action.

"He's had enough time and he's not given us an answer, so the deal is off," Graham said. "I thought he wanted to join Arsenal and was surprised when he asked for time to consider our offer. I am not prepared to wait any longer. This club is not going to be messed about."

Even with the money for Harkes, however, Wednesday are still about £1 million short of Rangers' £3 million asking price. "I'm working on it, but I can't say any more than that at this stage," Francis said yesterday.

Police to send Hammam report to FA

By Keith Pike

SAM Hammam, the Wimbledon owner, has apologised for writing obscene messages on a dressing-room wall at Upton Park on Saturday, but while West Ham United are keen to forgive and forget, Hammam is not yet off the hook.

It was initially thought that the Football Association would only proceed with an investigation if West Ham lodged an official complaint. However, the FA confirmed yesterday that it would still act if it received an independent report from the police, and that will be forthcoming. "We have compiled a report and it will be forwarded to the FA in due course," a spokesman at Scotland Yard said yesterday.

Mike Wilmore, a spokesman for the FA, said: "If the police reported the matter to us we would certainly investigate it." That would most likely result in Hammam becoming the first club owner to be charged with bringing the game into disrepute, and could in turn lead to a sizeable fine.

Hammam has admitted using a felt-tip pen to daub graffiti on the dressing-room wall several hours before Wimbledon's opening FA Carling Premiership match. The slogans included swearwords and were directed at his own players. Hammam insists it was merely a ploy to "wind his players up", but he was later involved in a heated row with Billy Bonds, the West Ham manager, over the incident. A party being taken on a pre-match tour of the ground, including women and children, had to be directed away from the dressing-room.

Yesterday, West Ham accepted a written apology from Hammam. "He apologised for the embarrassment caused to West Ham," Terence Brown, their chairman, said. "I have since spoken to Sam at length and I accept his apology. "We are advising the FA that we now regard the matter as closed."

☐ Attendances for the first weekend of the Premiership totalled 285,871, the best since the breakaway from the Football League. The highest during last season's inaugural season, when crowds totalled nearly 9.76 million, was 280,485 on December 28.

☐ The draw was made yesterday for the first round of the Autoglass Trophy:

NORTHERN SECTION: Group one: A, Hartlepool United; B, Darlington; C, York City. Group two: A, Scarborough; B, Scunthorpe United; C, Hull City. Group three: A, Carlisle United; B, Preston North End; C, Burnley. Group four: A, Blackpool; B, Chester City; C, Crewe Alexandra. Group five: A, Lincoln City; B, Mansfield Town; C, Chesterfield. Group six: A, Huddersfield Town; B, Doncaster Rovers; C, Rotherham United. Group seven: A, Stockport County; B, Wigan Athletic; C, Bury. Byes: Bradford City and Rochdale.

SOUTHERN SECTION: Group one: A, Wrexham; B, Shrewsbury Town; C, Port Vale. Group two: A, Plymouth Argyle; B, Swansea City; C, Exeter City. Group three: A, Hereford United; B, Walsall; C Northampton Town. Group four: A, Torquay United; B, Bristol Rovers; C, Cardiff City. Group five: A, Fulham; B, Brighton and Hove Albion; C, Reading. Group six: A, Gillingham; B, Colchester United; C, Cambridge United. Group seven: A, Wycombe Wanderers; B, Barnet; C, Brentford. Byes: Bournemouth and Leyton Orient.

Matches to be played on a round-robin basis: A v B in week commencing September 27. B v C in week commencing October 18. C v A in week commencing November 8

Australia on track for sprint surprise

From Peter Bryan
in Hamar, Norway

AUSTRALIA provided the surprises when the cycling world track championships started here yesterday. Gary Niewand, the silver medal-winner at the Olympic Games in Barcelona, was fastest in the 200 metres qualifying time-trial for the sprint event on the new £1.5 million indoor wooden track.

Niewand, who turned professional especially for the first open series since the inauguration of the championships 100 years ago, was seeded third in the starting order for the time-trial behind Jens Fiedler, the No 1 and Olympic champion. Michael Hübner, the professional world champion last year, was the second seed.

Before Niewand went to the line, it was another Australian, Darryn Hill, 19, who led the competition, staying in front as 18 leading riders, including Jose Moreno, the Olympic 1km champion, from Spain, failed to match his time of 10.433sec.

Niewand sped round the track to beat Hill, who was third in the 1991 world junior sprint, in 10.258sec.

Only Hübner and Fiedler remained. The former, at 15st 7lb the biggest sprinter in the series, lacked the speed to make an impression and a minute later Fiedler also failed to dislodge Niewand from the top but split the two Australians with a time 0.09sec faster than Hill.

The purpose of the time-trial was to reduce the entry of 42 to an eventual 16 before the finals. The fastest dozen riders qualified automatically yesterday. The next best 24 were racing later for the remaining four places in the competition.

Britain did not nominate any riders for the men's or the women's sprints.

☐ Britain is expected to host the 1996 championships, with Manchester the probable venue. An official announcement is likely to be made after the International Cycling Union meets next week.

RESULT: Men's 200m time-trial, leading qualifiers: 1, G Niewand (Aus), 10.258sec; 2, J Fiedler (Ger), 10.348; 3, D Hill (Aus), 10.433; 4, C Harnett (Can), 10.440; 5, M Hubner (Ger), 10.468; 6, M Nothstein (US), 10.470. Women's sprint, leading qualifiers: 1, G Enoukhina (Russ), 11.474sec; 2, I Hannga (Holl), 11.520; 3, N Even (Fr), 11.591; 4, T Dubnicoff (Can), 11.619.

England return to Fraser's rich seam

Michael Henderson

on a bowler back
in the Test reckoning
after serious injury

England expects: Fraser has been missed by the national side in the last two years. Photograph: Peter Trievnor

Ted Dexter sent him a bottle of champagne when he returned career-best figures two weeks ago. In Keith Fletcher's estimation he is the best bowler this country has produced in ten years. Jonathan Agnew told BBC listeners that his call-up for the sixth Test represented "the best news all summer".

Angus Fraser is not short of friends. Michael Atherton, the most important of them, admits: "He has been badly missed", which suggests that if Fraser remains fit he will tour the West Indies this winter instead of working in the City office of Patrick Whittingdale, one of cricket's main benefactors.

How Graham Gooch could have done with a fully-fit Fraser in his team these past two years — and David Lawrence for that matter. At a lunch yesterday at the Oval in Gooch's honour, he thought "no one was keener or more determined to do well for England than Fraser".

His 2½-year struggle to regain fitness, in mind no less than body, has been a painful journey of self-discovery. Now, despite the suggestions that he would never get there, Fraser stands on the threshold of Test cricket once more. If Martin Bicknell's tendinitis precludes him from selection tomorrow, Fraser will walk through the door.

The hip injury which blighted his last Australian tour has receded, though not disappeared altogether. "I am aware of it at times, but although I may feel a bit stiff in the morning, I feel pretty good when I run in to bowl. Physically, a four-day championship match can be harder than Test cricket."

Fraser's figures do not necessarily present an unanswerable case. Nevertheless, by taking eight wickets in each of the last two championship matches, including seven for 40 against Leicestershire, he can point to something irrefutable on paper.

Mike Gatting has no doubts about his re-emergence or his suitability for a full winter of cricket. Gatting has been a tolerant captain, though not an indulgent one. Widespread sympathy for Fraser has not disguised the fact that, if a bowler is not taking wickets, he is wasting a place in the side.

Middlesex's weighting towards their spinners, Emburey and Tufnell, is another irritation Fraser has had to accommodate.

Unlike other England players, who find county cricket a chore, if not a bore, the Middlesex tradition has always lifted Fraser. "I am lucky to play for a successful side. We expect to win every game we play every year. The players are honest, and tell you if you are bowling rubbish."

Now, as before, he never shirks responsibility. "I enjoy bowling. My strike-rate is a wicket every eight or nine overs, not six or seven, so I have to bowl more. If you are bowling better than others, you tend to bowl more overs in any case. The game dictates that, and you are trying to win it, whether it is a Sunday match or a Test.

"I have bowled a lot of overs under every captain I have played for, which is my fault as much as anyone's. I want to do well today rather than worry about what lies down the road. In cricket, today is always the most important day."

Like concert pianists who long to attain that state of grace when the instrument plays them, Fraser has found mental agility every bit as precious as physical rehabilitation.

"You must be relaxed to get the best out of yourself, but in striving to achieve relaxation the tendency can be to try too hard." What puts it right? "Taking wickets."

Because of the hard physical work involved, and the understandable pleasure of proving people wrong, Fraser feels this "rebirth" is more thrilling than his Test debut, against Australia at Edgbaston four years ago. "It will mean more to me. Then it was a gradual progression, and it came when I expected to play."

What England will be getting, if and when he does return, is a bowler of steadiness and persistence with a heart the size of a town. As everyone knows, those are not qualities that have been widely displayed by some of those selected this summer.

Fraser is confident, fit, and appreciative of public goodwill, but he is not quite over the rainbow. "When I am performing for England as well as I used to, I shall feel fulfilled. At the moment I am just delighted to be involved again."

Roll over Chris Lewis, and tell Phillip DeFreitas the news.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

York

Going: good to soft

2.05 (6f 214yd) 1, CONCORDIAL (Pat Eddery, 5-1); 2, Just Happy (W R Swinburn, 11-2); 3, Grand Lodge (L Dettori, 4-7 fav). ALSO RAN: 8 Cult Hero (4th), 16 Mazentre Forward (5th), 33 Blazing Honda, 66 Lomond Mist (6th), 100 Merlinsrisk. 8 ran. Nk, 5l, nk, nk, 10l. R Charlton at Beckhampton. Tote: £5.80; £1.30, £1.20, £1.10. DF: £15.40. Trio: £3.00. CSF: £30.55. 1min 25.91sec.

2.35 (1m 5f 194yd) 1, EDBAYSAAN (Pat Eddery, 6-1); 2, League Leader (L Dettori, 4-1); 3, Moonshine Lake (M Roberts, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Lille Hammer (6th), 11 Alazzal, 12 Darmstadt (5th), Dareclif, Dusty Point, 14 Solartica, 16 The Seer, 20 Mujawab (4th), Tomos. 12 ran. Nk, 4l, nk, 2½l, 1l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £6.20; £2.10, £1.80, £4.00. DF: £12.20. Trio: £82.50. CSF: £28.96. Tricast: £214.96. 3min 01.50sec (hand timed).

3.10 JUDDMONTE INTERNATIONAL STAKES (Group I: £156,935: 1m 2f 85yd)

EZZOUD b c Last Tycoon - Royal Sister II (M Al Maktoum) 4-9-6 W R Swinburn (28-1) 1.

Sabrehill ch c Diesis - Gypsy Talk (Sheikh Mohammed) 3-8-12 M Roberts (7-4 fav) 2.

Spartan Shareef b c Shareef Dancer - Spartan Helen (C Olley) 4-9-6 R Cochrane (50-1) 3.

ALSO RAN: 2 White Muzzle (5th), 15-2 Tenby, 9 Revelation (4th), 14 Red Bishop, 15 Blues Traveller (6th), 20 Alhijaz, 28 Environment Friend, 66 Guado D'Annibale. 11 ran. 1½l, 5l, 1¼l, 5l, 1½l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £20.00; £3.80, £1.60, £7.60. DF: £49.00. Trio: £348.00. CSF: £73.68. 2min 12.16sec.

3.45 (1m 3f 195yd) 1, BOB'S RETURN (P Robinson, 16-1); 2, Foresee (M Roberts, 4-1); 3, Declassified (R Cochrane, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 10-11 fav Armiger, 9-2 Right Win (6th), 12 Shareek (4th), 20 Gesway, 25 Tioman Island, 33 Majority (5th). 9 ran. 6l, 1½l, 3½l, nk, 8l. M Tompkins at Newmarket. Tote: £12.90; £2.00, £1.30, £3.80. DF: £28.70. Trio: £137.20. CSF: £75.10. 2min 31.49sec.

4.15 (6f) 1, HOW'S YER FATHER (A Munro, 8-1 jt-fav); 2, Diet (J Marshall, 25-1); 3, Margaret's Gift (J Carroll, 25-1); 4, Pearage Prince (N Kennedy, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 8-1 jt-fav Norcan Raider (6th), 10 Macfarlane, 12 Gilt Throne, So Intrepid, White Shadow, Pierre-D-Argent, 14 Dominuet, Cumbrian Waltzer, 16 Master Planner, Southern Memories, Densben, 20 Duplicity (5th), Sagebrush Roller, Macs Maharanee, Bertie Wooster, Sir Joey, 33 Another Lane, 40 The Auction Bidder, 50 Panikin. 23 ran. 2l, sh hd, hd, ½l, nk. R Hodges at Somerton. Tote: £6.20; £1.70, £6.00, £4.70, £9.30. DF: £143.50. Trio: £3,744.80. CSF: £180.84. Tricast: £4,347.15. 1min 13.09sec.

4.45 (1m 7f 195yd) 1, FURTHER FLIGHT (M Hills, 6-1); 2, Silverdale (W Carson, 9-2); 3, Allegan (Pat Eddery, 7-2 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 7-2 jt-fav Witness Box (4th), 5 Arcadian Heights, 10 Not In Doubt (5th), 20 Silvernesian, 33 Strong Case, 66 Post Impressionist (6th). 9 ran. 1½l, 6l, 12l, 7l, 5l. B Hills at Lambourn. Tote: £6.80; £2.30, £1.70, £1.70. DF: £20.60. Trio: £33.50. CSF: £29.63. 3min 26.54sec.

5.15 (6f 214yd) 1, CALL TO MIND (M Birch, 8-1); 2, Barbaroja (W Carson, 4-1 fav); 3, Dieson (M Roberts, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Obvious Risk (5th), Lady Phyl (6th), 15-2 Alpine Skier, 8 Gingerbird, 10 Close To Reality, 11 Bumaan, 14 Mosaic Gold, Ooh Ah Cantona (4th), 16 Sohail, 20 Chickawicka, Blaster Bates, 66 Bramcote Century. 15 ran. ¾l, 2½l, 1½l, 5l, 2½l. M H Easterby at Great Habton. Tote: £10.20; £2.70, £2.00, £3.50. DF: £18.00. Trio: £173.50. CSF: £41.80. Tricast: £286.92. Time: 1min 27sec.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £11,551.19 carried forward to York today).

Placepot: £331.30.

Folkestone

Going: firm (round course), good to firm (straight course)

1.45 (6f 189yd) 1, Pat's Splendour (C Hodgson, 7-1); 2, Tachia (2-1 fav); 3, Phylian (6-1). 11 ran. ½l, ½l. D Morris. Tote: £9.60; £2.20, £1.30, £2.10. DF: £15.20. CSF: £20.51.

2.15 (6f 189yd) 1, Forever Blushing (S Drowne, 14-1); 2, Comeonup (7-2); 3, High Swinger (7-1). Celestial Dance 10-3 jt-fav. 12 ran. Sh hd, nk. P Butler. Tote: £15.50; £3.10, £2.00, £3.30. DF: £97.50. CSF: £69.81.

2.45 (6f) 1, Double Bounce (W Newnes, 13-2); 2, Red Admiral (7-4 fav); 3, Lorins Gold (13-2). 12 ran. Nk, 7l. K Ivory. Tote: £8.20; £2.00, £1.50, £2.90. DF: £11.50. CSF: £19.45.

3.20 (2m 93yd) 1, Titty (D O'Neill, 11-8 fav); 2, Mr Copyforce (11-4); 3, Menhaad (12-1). 8 ran. 4l, ¾l. R Hannon. Tote: £2.10; £1.30, £1.60, £2.80. DF: £3.50. CSF: £5.61. Tricast: £27.78. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.55 (6f) 1, My Ruby Ring (Stephen Davies, 9-4 fav); 2, Miss Whittingham (4-1); 3, Zeboim (8-1). 7 ran. 2l, 1l. D Laing. Tote: £3.80; £2.00, £2.30. DF: £6.70. CSF: £11.52.

4.30 (1m 4f) 1, Big Pat (J Tate, 15-8 fav); 2, Themeda (12-1); 3, Lexus (7-1). 7 ran. NR: Fly For Gold. Nk, ¾l. J Pearce. Tote: £2.70; £1.50, £4.00. DF: £15.40. Trio: £23.40. CSF: £21.26. Tricast: £119.37. Placepot: £79.20.

YARMOUTH

THUNDERER

2.20 Resonant. 2.50 Storm Canyon. 3.25 One On One. 4.00 Kinnegad Kid. 4.30 The Karaoke King. 5.00 Funny Hilarious.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.20 PLEASURE BEACH CLAIMING STAKES
(2-Y-0: £2,489: 5f 43yd) (6)

1 03 MITSIS 54 W Musson 9-0 ... B Doyle (3) 4
2 224 RESONANT 41 (BF) M Prescott 9-0 ... M Hills 5
3 5 SWIFT NICK NEVSON 11 K Ivory 8-12 ... K Rutter (5) 1
4 5034 NOSMO KING 20 J Berry 8-10 ... J Fortune 6
5 3052 CANDI DAS 13 (B) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-3 Antoinette Armes (7) 2
6 6206 LUCY'S GOLD 9 (B) M Ryan 7-13 ... D Biggs 3

11-8 Resonant, 3-1 Candi Das, 4-1 Mitsis, 6-1 Nosmo King, 10-1 Lucy's Gold, 20-1 Swift Nick Nevson.

2.50 BRITANNIA PIER STAKES (£4,927: 6f 3yd) (6)

1 0406 FYLDE FLYER 41 (D,F,G,S) J Berry 4-10-0 ... J Fortune 4
2 0122 NIGHT MELODY 46 (D,F,G,S) R Hannon 3-9-3 ... M Hills 5
3 4401 PRESS GALLERY 27 (CD,G,S) Mrs J Cecil 3-9-0 P Robinson 1
4 4250 LORD OLIVIER 18 (D,F) W Jarvis 3-8-12 ... M Tebbutt 6
5 -200 ROCK SYMPHONY 11 (G) A Scott 3-8-12 ... J Tate (5) 3
6 2-21 STORM CANYON 11 (D,F) J Gosden 3-8-12 ... B Raymond 2

13-8 Storm Canyon, 5-2 Night Melody, 5-1 Fylde Flyer, 11-2 Rock Symphony, 6-1 Lord Olivier, 13-2 Press Gallery.

3.25 PEDDARS CROSS NURSERY
(2-Y-0: £3,406: 6f 3yd) (8)

1 0623 NERA 32 (BF,G) Mrs J Cecil 9-7 ... B Raymond 1
2 21 ONE ON ONE 15 (D,F) W Haggas 9-0 ... M Hills 5
3 2301 NAKITA 39 (D,F) C Allen 9-0 ... G Forster (7) 4
4 2313 MONKEY MUSIC 12 (B,G) J Berry 8-13 ... J Fortune 2
5 2263 PERSIAN HERITAGE 12 J Payne 8-12 ... M Tebbutt 8
6 3015 PRIMA SILK 37 (D,F) M Ryan 8-10 ... D Biggs 7
7 210 GOLDEN GRAND 53 (G) R Williams 8-2 ... N Varley (7) 3
8 304 WOODS VENTURE 47 S Woods 7-13 ... A McGlone 6

11-4 One On One, 3-1 Persian Heritage, 5-1 Woods Venture, 6-1 Nera, 8-1 Monkey Music, 10-1 Golden Grand, Nakita, 12-1 Prima Silk.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 31 winners from 85 runners, 36.5%; J Berry, 8 from 31, 25.8%; Mrs J Cecil, 6 from 28, 21.4%; J Gosden, 16 from 76, 21.1%; M Stoute, 17 from 83, 20.5%; G Wragg, 17 from 88, 19.3%.

JOCKEYS: P D'Arcy, 3 winners from 10 rides, 30%; G Hind, 5 from 21, 23.8%; P Robinson, 10 from 56, 17.9%; M Hills, 11 from 77, 14.3%; M Tebbutt, 9 from 66, 13.6%; B Doyle, 3 from 28, 10.7%.

4.00 CANON FILLIES HANDICAP
(£3,210: 7f 3yd) (9)

1 0430 BALLERINA BAY 4 (V,F,G) D Thom 5-10-0 ... B Raymond 3
2 0153 ASTERN 22 (G) J Gosden 3-9-7 ... G Hind 1
3 4202 OCARA 11 (G) D Loder 3-9-1 ... M Tebbutt 4
4 0122 RED COTTON 9 (G) M Stoute 3-9-1 ... P D'Arcy 5
5 2430 SPRING HIGH 13 (C,F,G) K Ivory 6-8-7 ... G Bardwell 7
6 0012 ADAMPARIS 20 (B,D,G) G Pritchard-Gordon 3-8-3 P Robinson 8
7 5501 KINNEGAD KID 11 (V,S) R Ingram 4-8-3 ... N Gwilliams (5) 6
8 0401 ROYAL COMEDIAN 8 (D,G) B Murray 4-8-3 (6ex) N Varley (7) 9
9 0-00 LITTLE OSBORNE 21 (B) M Bell 3-7-10 ... F Norton 2

4-1 Adamparis, 9-2 Ocara, 5-1 Astern, Red Cotton, 6-1 Ballerina Bay, Spring High, 8-1 Kinnegad Kid, 10-1 Royal Comedian, 16-1 Little Osborne.

4.30 BOTTON BROTHERS HANDICAP
(Ladies: £2,385: 1m 6f 17yd) (10)

1 1423 ALLMOSA 6 (F,G) T Naughton 4-11-7 ... Mrs J Naughton 3
2 0313 LOOKINGFORARAINBOW 14 (D,F,G) Bob Jones 5-11-6 ... Miss D J Jones 7
3 1203 SCENIC DANCER 18 (F,G) A Hide 5-10-9 ... Miss L Hide 1
4 5442 THE KARAOKE KING 18 (B,C,F,G) R Hannon 4-10-8 ... Mrs J Boggis 10
5 4506 PRECUSSION 20 (G) R Armstrong 3-10-1 ... Mrs M Haggas 2
6 0260 MYSTERIOUS MAID 27 (F,S) J Pearce 6-10-0 ... Mrs L Pearce 5
7 2436 TURFMANS VISION 9 R Hollinshead 3-9-13 Miss S Boston (3) 6
8 0530 CATHOS 14 (F,G,S) D Wilson 8-9-8 ... Miss Diana Jones 4
9 5503 HYDROPIC 8 D Chapman 6-9-0 ... Miss R Clark (3) 8
10 5000 MISS RIBBONS 33 Pat Mitchell 3-9-0 Miss S Chittenden (3) 9

100-30 Scenic Dancer, 4-1 Lookingforarainbow, 5-1 The Karaoke King, 11-2 Turfmans Vision, 6-1 Cathos, 8-1 Mysterious Maid, 10-1 Allmosa, Hydropic, 12-1 others.

5.00 COBHOLM FILLIES HANDICAP
(3-Y-0: £3,611: 1m 2f 21yd) (9)

1 0031 BAY QUEEN 6 (D,F,G,S) M Bell 9-10 (4ex) ... M Fenton (3) 3
2 2-25 PEARLY MIST 26 C Brittain 9-7 ... B Doyle (3) 1
3 1260 PETONELLAJILL 20 (F) R Hannon 9-5 ... G Bardwell 9
4 4154 DREAMS ARE FREE 37 (D,S) H Cecil 9-1 ... A McGlone 7
5 0-05 FUNNY HILARIOUS 34 J Fanshawe 9-0 ... P Robinson 4
6 0421 MISTY SILKS 14 (G) M Ryan 8-11 ... D Biggs 8
7 400 FAIR TO THE WIND 69 (B) M Stoute 8-8 ... B Raymond 5
8 -411 SEAMA 14 (D,G) M Prescott 8-8 ... C Nutter 2
9 300 MISS KINABALU 27 G Wragg 7-11 ... F Norton 6

5-2 Seama, 3-1 Bay Queen, 4-1 Dreams Are Free, 6-1 Miss Kinabalu, Misty Silks, 8-1 Pearly Mist, 10-1 Petonellajill, 14-1 others.

My Patriarch balloted out

MY PATRIARCH, the ante-post favourite for today's Tote Ebor Handicap, has been denied a run in York's feature. At the final declaration stage My Patriarch was one of three to be eliminated from a maximum field of 22.

John Dunlop's improving three-year-old had been backed from 20-1 to 8-1. Connections bypassed yesterday's Melrose Stakes in which they would have been guaranteed a run.

HEREFORD

THUNDERER

5.25 Dexter Chief. 5.55 At Peace. 6.25 Court Rapier. 6.55 Mr Murdock. 7.25 Hugli. 7.55 Knightly Argus.

GOING: FIRM SIS

5.25 MUCH MARCLE NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,630: 2m 3f 110yd) (8 runners)

1 0-13 JALORE 9 (F) S Coathup 4-11-4 ... R Greene (3)
2 F-PP COMIC LINE 7 M Churches 8-11-0 ... Miss S Mitchell (7)
3 00P- CROSULA 225 A Jones 5-11-0 ... G Upton
4 44-3 NIDOMI 12 (V) G Enright 6-11-0 ... R Dunwoody
5 0PP- ON THE JAR 109 C Trietline 5-11-0 ... S Earle
6 454- RIVER CONSORT 145 A Dunn 5-11-0 ... C Maude
7 33-P CHEEKA 6 (B) C Smith 4-10-11 ... M Ranger
8 23- DEXTER CHIEF 23F J White 4-10-11 ... A Maguire

2-1 Dexter Chief, 9-4 Jalore, 7-2 Nidomi, 7-1 River Consort, 12-1 Cheeka, 20-1 others.

5.55 BORDER SELLING HURDLE
(£1,742: 2m 1f) (19)

1 521- OTHET 79 (CD,F,G) Mrs S Williams 9-12-0 ... N Hawke
2 10-2 SHOW THE FLAG 8 (D,F) R Juckes 5-12-0 ... N Juckes (7)
3 3P0- WESSEX WARRIOR 56F (V,D,F) D Lamg 7-12-0 ... G McCourt
4 22-4 MISS EQUILIA 18 (C,D,BF,G) M Pipe 7-11-13 ... R Dunwoody
5 4-32 AT PEACE 9 (C,BF,F,G) J White 7-11-10 ... A Maguire
6 2/6- FLYING CONNECTION 286 W Clay 5-11-10 ... Diane Clay
7 F0-F FURRY LOCH 6 H Kavanagh 7-11-10 ... J A Harris
8 33/6 IMMORTAL IRISH 6 (F) J Cresswell 8-11-10 ... M A Fitzgerald
9 P/P INTUITIVE JOE 8 R Buckler 6-11-10 ... B Powell
10 4F-0 PERSIAN VALLEY 11 (F) F Jordan 8-11-10 ... M Doyle (7)
11 6-22 SALAR'S SPIRIT 4 W G M Turner 7-11-10 ... R Darke (7)
12 0/P- SWIFT ASCENT 356 (D,F,S) A Barrow 11-11-10 ... S Burrough
13 0 THARIF 16 G Pookam 5-11-10 ... N Dowers (7)
14 P-14 EMMA VICTORIA 6 (D,F) N Brotherton 5-11-9 ... D Bridgwater
15 OYSTON'S LIFE 67F R Phillips 4-11-8 ... J Railton
16 P-BP NOW BOARDING 7 N Ayliffe 6-11-5 ... Mr N Bradley (7)
17 ANGEL'S WING 7F Mrs A Knight 4-11-3 ... S McNeill
18 0 LADY GAIL 11 (B) J Spearing 3-10-8 ... A Webb
19 SABEEL 79F T George 3-10-0 ... N Williamson

3-1 Show The Flag, 7-2 At Peace, 5-1 Emma Victoria, Wessex Warrior, 7-1 Othet, 8-1 Miss Equilia, Salar's Spirit, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Buckler, 5 winners from 9 runners, 55.6%; M Pipe, 37 from 109, 33.9%; P Nicholls, 3 from 9, 33.3%; C Trietline, 4 from 25, 16.0%; J Bradley, 5 from 39, 12.8%; R Lee, 8 from 68, 12.1%.

JOCKEYS: S McNeill, 14 winners from 60 rides, 23.3%; R Dunwoody, 10 from 56, 17.9%; N Williamson, 7 from 39, 17.9%; L Harvey, 6 from 35, 17.1%; N Mann, 9 from 53, 17.0%; N Hawke, 4 from 25, 16.0%.

6.25 MALVERN LINK HANDICAP CHASE (£2,696: 2m 3f) (4) SKY

1 621- YORKSHIREMAN 117 (CD,F,G,S) J Glover 8-11-10 ... M Ahern
2 35-1 COURT RAPIER 12 (CD,F,G) R Alner 11-10-9 ... A Maguire
3 434- ANOTHER BARNEY 306 (C,F) A Barrow 9-10-5 ... W Irvine
4 PP-0 DREAMCOAT 16 (F,S) R Lee 12-10-5 ... Leanne Eldredge (7)

8-11 Court Rapier, 7-4 Yorkshireman, 11-2 Another Barney, 14-1 Dreamcoat.

6.55 WHEATSHEAF INN HANDICAP HURDLE (Amateurs: £2,221: 3m 2f) (9) SKY

1 11-1 ON THE SAUCE 6 (B,CD,F,G,S) M Pipe 6-12-7 (7ex) ... A Farrant (5)
2 UT3- MR MURDOCK 75 (F) R Alner 8-11-13 ... P Henley (7)
3 5P0- AVONMOUTHSECRETARY 272 (C,F,G) P Nicholls 7-11-8 ... G Lewis (7)
4 0-63 KASHAN 6 (G) J Bradley 5-10-9 ... G Johnson Houghton (5)
5 0P-F VALASSY 14 (BF,G,S) J White 10-10-5 ... N Miles (7)
6 /4-5 SAILOR'S DELIGHT 18 (F) Mrs P Joynes 9-10-2 ... S Joynes (7)
7 P3P- KILKILMARTIN 89 H Manners 11-10-0 ... NON-RUNNER
8 P33- SANDMOOR PRINCE 117 (F,G) P Pritchard 10-10-0 ... Dr P Pritchard (7)
9 P-50 CLWYD LODGE 12 R Juckes 6-10-0 ... Miss S Higgins (7)

2-1 On The Sauce, 7-2 Mr Murdock, 9-2 Avonmouthsecretary, 6-1 Kashan, Valassy, 8-1 Sailor's Delight, 12-1 others.

7.25 ACONBURY NOVICES CHASE (£2,203: 3m 1f 110yd) (5) SKY

1 364- HUGLI 299 (C,F) S Sherwood 6-11-3 ... G Upton
2 0F-3 JESSOP 12 S Mellor 8-11-3 ... S Earle
3 6- PANICSUN 139 K Bridgwater 8-11-3 ... D Bridgwater
4 604- TANBER LASS 79 R Frost 12-10-12 ... J Frost
5 43-U WEST LODGE LADY 14 N Thomson 8-10-12 ... J Reaves (7)

5-4 Jessop, 7-4 Hugli, 11-2 Tanber Lass, 14-1 West Lodge Lady, 20-1 Panicsun.

7.55 CHERRY NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,480: 2m 1f) (9) SKY

1 0F4- TIBBS INN 79 C Smith 4-11-10 ... M Ranger
2 300- ALICE SMITH 112 B Eckley 6-11-5 ... D Meade (7)
3 065- KNIGHTLY ARGUS 117 S Sherwood 6-11-5 ... G Upton
4 00-6 NOT GORDONS 4 (B) R Juckes 4-11-0 ... N Juckes (7)
5 56/ CLYRO 540 P Murphy 5-10-11 ... N Mann
6 F0P- VICTORY WIND 148 T Morton 8-10-11 ... A Flannigan (7)
7 024- MING BLUE 8F J Bradley 4-10-9 ... R Farrant (5)
8 P0-P MASH THE TEA 9 H Sawyer 4-10-9 ... V Smith
9 500- BOXING MATCH 174 J Bradley 6-10-3 ... L Harvey

9-4 Ming Blue, 7-2 Tibbs Inn, 5-1 Alice Smith, Knightly Argus, 6-1 Not Gordons, 10-1 Victory Wind, 14-1 others.

Blinkered first time

YORK: 2.05 Allegonobrain, Elevator Shaft. 3.10 Turgency, Bolcardo. 4.15 Caravaggio. 4.45 Cumbrian Challenge. YARMOUTH: 2.20 Lucy's Gold. 4.00 Kinnegad Kid. 5.00 Fair To The Wind. KEMPTON PARK: 6.10 Chagray. 7.40 Romalito. 8.10 Thatched, Rapinski.

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Ezzoud overshadows favourites

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

SURPRISES are part and parcel of racing's rich tapestry, but the Juddmonte International Stakes is in danger of turning shock results into an art form.

From the moment Roberto floored Brigadier Gerard, the 3-1 on favourite, in front of the Queen in the first running of the race 21 years ago, the humiliation of favourites by unfancied outsiders has become *de rigueur*.

This year, punters attempted to break the hoodoo by backing two horses, almost to the exclusion of all others, and for a long time yesterday the ploy looked like being successful.

White Muzzle, just behind Sabrehill in the betting, surged into the lead at halfway and towed his ten rivals along until approaching the two-furlong pole. Sabrehill, the 7-4 favourite, then loomed into view, full of running, quickly put a couple of lengths between himself and his rivals and the race appeared all over.

As favourite backers started calculating their winnings, Ezzoud appeared from nowhere to catch Sabrehill inside the final 100 yards.

At 28-1, the Michael Stoute-trained four-year-old was the longest-priced winner since Relkino, a 33-1 shot when winning for Willie Carson in 1977.

Despite some decent efforts in top company — notably a length second to Rodrigo De Triano in last year's Irish 2,000 Guineas — Ezzoud has gained more of a reputation for losing than winning. The fitting of blinkers and an awkwardly high head carriage, which makes the horse look like the equine equivalent of Patrick Moore searching for stars, hardly inspires confidence.

His winning efforts have tended to come after a long lay-off and when Michael Stoute worked Ezzoud at Yarmouth last week he knew the rest following a disappointing run at Royal Ascot had paid off. So did Walter Swinburn.

The big-race jockey had planned to ride Sueboog in yesterday's race but, after partnering Zinaad in the Yarmouth workout with Ezzoud, he was so impressed he hastily swapped horses.

"When Sabrehill quickened, he lost me and I thought I was riding for second place but inside the two-furlong marker *my horse* sprouted wings — Sabrehill did *not* slow down — and suddenly I thought we had a loud chance," a beaming Swinburn said.

"Ezzoud has a funny way of running his races. He tends to idle in front, which cost him the Tattersalls Gold Cup in Ireland, and he nearly gave away the Earl of Sefton Stakes at Newmarket, not because he is ungenuine but because he loses concentration."

Despite being beaten, Sabrehill put up a magnificent performance in only his third race. He will be backed to gain revenge if, as seems likely, he reopposes Ezzoud in the Dubai Champion Stakes.

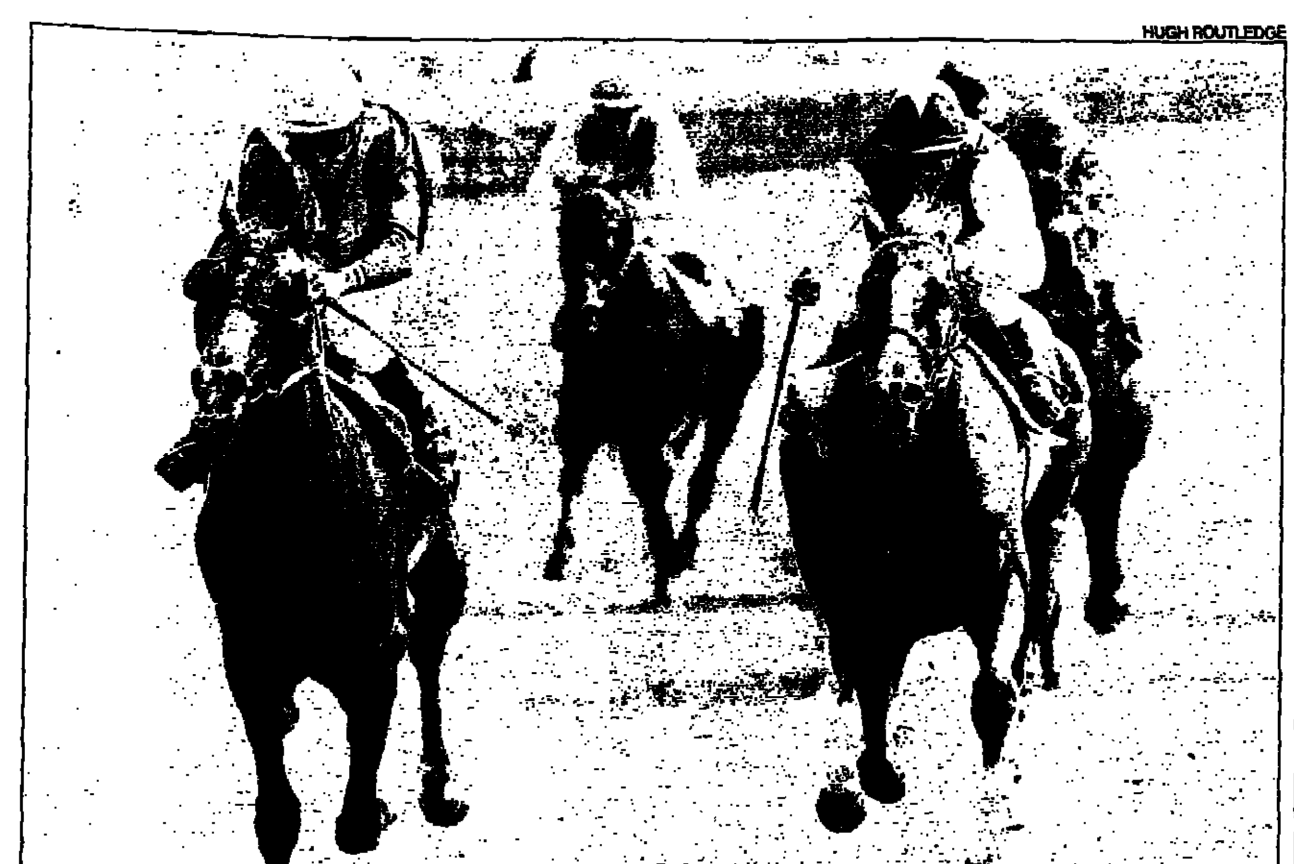
No sooner had the crowd recovered from the body blow to their pocket, than Bob's Return increased the misery by taking the Great Voltigeur Stakes at 16-1. Armiger, the heavily-backed favourite, beat only two home. Armiger and Sabrehill have been taken out of the Arc betting by Ladbrokes.

Bob's Return had not been seen since finishing sixth behind Commander In Chief at Epsom where the Mark Tompkins-trained colt had a tough race.

Tompkins, overjoyed at sending out his first group two winner, said: "I gave him a long time off after Epsom as he was a bit lacklustre for a while. But he had shown me recently he was back to his best and my only worry was the recent rain." Bob's Return may go for the St Leger.

Grand Lodge, the supposed banker of the day, was sent off a heavily-backed odds-on favourite in the Deploy Acomb Stakes but had no answer to the Roger Charlton-trained Concordial, while Further Flight inflicted more pain on favourite backers when returning to form for Barry Hills to win the Lonsdale Stakes.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Shock waves: the blinkered outsider, Ezzoud, overhauling Sabrehill at York yesterday

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: SPIN DOCTOR
(3.10 York)

Next best: Electrify
(4.15 York)

Stoute's grim determination reaps handsome reward

By Julian Muscat

THERE was a grim determination from Michael Stoute as he answered every call from the auctioneer at Tattersalls' Highflyer sales in October 1990. It was late at night but the look of hunger on Stoute's face was for the yearling parading, rather than for his supper.

Yesterday at York, almost three years later, the Bajan-born trainer could vouch that it had been well worth the wait. For Ezzoud, the 360,000 guineas yearling, had finally unleashed the performance of which he has always been capable in the Juddmonte International Stakes. Maktoum Al-Maktoum, the ruler of Dubai, had imposed his seniority on younger brother, Shaikh Mohammed, who owns the second, Sabrehill.

The summer of 1990 saw the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, forcing the Maktoum family into a low profile as far as their British racing interests were concerned.

Agents combed the Tattersalls' sales paddocks in their absence, and Stoute's determination to secure Ezzoud — a half-brother to Distant Relative — left little doubt the colt would be racing for one of the Dubai brothers.

"Joe Mercer and Michael Goodbody (Shaikh Maktoum's advisors) asked me to go and bid for the horse," Stoute recollected. "I had seen him myself and liked him, although I didn't know then whether I'd train him."

Another Middle Eastern owner, Shaikh Essa Bin Mubarak, from Bahrain, reminded us, after his Edbaysaan had landed the Melrose Handicap, that he had been the first man from that part of the world to race horses in Britain, in 1973. He could hardly have known what he was starting.

In those days he was known as Shaikh Essa Al Khalifa, but changed his name as it was exactly the same as that of Bahrain's ruler, into whose family he married. As he explained: "When one of my horses won, people were sending faxes of congratulations to the ruler, who had no idea why this was."

People who bemoan the state of British racing should listen to him. Asked why he is so passionate about racing here, the British-educated shaikh said: "It's difficult to describe, really. I've seen racing all around the world but nothing compares to Ascot or Goodwood — or even Windsor at night. Once you taste it, you just can't leave it."

This somewhat flamboyant character was obliged to quit the sport for a few years, but his pleasure in returning was much in evidence yesterday. Now resident in London, Shaikh Essa is educating his brothers in the ways of the Turf.

He is clearly at ease in racing circles: five minutes later, he was deep in conversation with Lester Piggott. There were more than a few words spoken.

YORK

THUNDERER

2.05 Jimmy The Skunk
2.35 Rainbow Lake
3.10 PISTOL RIVER (nap)
3.45 Mister Baileys
4.15 Gold Land
4.45 Mizaaya
5.15 Garnock Valley

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.35 RAINBOW LAKE (nap). 3.45 Fast Eddy. 4.15 Electrify.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.35 USER FRIENDLY.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT — DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE — SIS

2.05 ROUS SELLING STAKES (C4)
(2-Y-O: £8,610: 6f) (23 runners)

101 (14) 01204 ALLLEGSNOBRAIN 5 (V,D,F) (M Woodall) P Evans 8-11 D Holland 94
102 (9) 0 BEX BOY 49 (Beck Racing) M W Easterby 8-11 C Dwyer —
103 (22) CRAGLOUGH (Dr C Emmerson) W Haigh 8-11 Dale Gibson —
104 (8) 804 ELEVATOR SHAFT 23 (B) (C Wright) D Arbuthnot 8-11 T Quinn 90
105 (19) 60 FEATHERSTONE LANE 16 (Mrs B Holroyd) Miss L Siddall 8-11 Dean McKeown 89
106 (18) GLENUGIE (F Hines) R Whitaker 8-11 A Munro —
107 (4) 113611 JIMMY THE SKUNK 8 (D,F,G,S) (J Abell) J Berry 8-11 J Carroll
108 (13) 0 MATABUNGKAY 6 (B Nordan) M Camacho 8-11 N Connorton —
109 (1) 225024 MONKEY'S WEDDING 9 (B) (The Monkey Racing Club Ltd) J Berry 8-11 G Duffield 91
110 (5) 0 PATRICE 14 (Y Nasib) N Callaghan 8-11 Pat Eddery —
111 (6) 000 PRINCE SKYBURD 19 (G Coates) M Avison 8-11 J Lowe —
112 (7) 0040 SONIC 25 (K Hodgson) M W Easterby 8-11 T Lucas 63
113 (17) 0 STEADY RISK 18 (Roldvale Ltd) N Callaghan 8-11 W R Swinburn —
114 (16) 33222 TURTLE ROCK 33 (P Savill) S Norton 8-11 K Darley 87
115 (11) 3200 BESCABY GIRL 26 (J Pickard) J Wainwright 8-6 J Fanning 88
116 (2) 30 BOJOLLY 11 (W Lumley) J Etherington 8-6 W Newnes 85
117 (21) 35 BRITANNIA MILLS 36 (A Mann) M Chapman 8-6 K Fallon 82
118 (10) 324 CIRCLE OF FRIENDS 65 (Mrs S Spencer-Phillips) R Hannon 8-6 J Reid 97
119 (12) 421136 CLARET BUMBLE 12 (D,BF,F,G) (S Dinsmore) P Haslam 8-6 W Ryan 98
120 (23) 650 FUSSY SIOUX 9 (A Metcalfe) M W Easterby 8-6 R Cochrane 80
121 (15) 00 MILLION LIGHTS 8 (Million in Mind Partnership) R Hannon 8-6 L Dettori 94
122 (20) 015230 RISKIE THINGS 20 (F) (T Pasquale) J Moore 8-6 Mark Denaro (7) 87
123 (3) SLMAAT (A Al Jafeh) W Haggas 8-6 M Roberts —

BETTING: 5-2 Jimmy The Skunk, 4-1 Circle Of Friends, 13-2 Million Lights, 8-1 Allegsnobrain, Monkey's Wedding, 10-1 Claret Bumble, 12-1 Riskie Things, 14-1 Bex Boy, Bojolly, 20-1 others.

1992: BOLD SEVEN 8-11 N Kennedy (3-1 fav) F Lee 21 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALLLEGSNOBRAIN 1¾l 4th of 10 to Indiahra in a nursery at Haydock (5f, soft). ELEVATOR SHAFT 10¾l 4th of 17 to Petula in a maiden auction at Windsor (6f, good). JIMMY THE SKUNK beat Miss Mah-Jong a head in a 10-runner nursery at Catterick (6f, good). MONKEY'S WEDDING 7½l 4th of 9 to Indiahra in a maiden auction at Thirsk (5f, good), with FUSSY SIOUX 7½l 9th. TURTLE ROCK 3½l 2nd of 6 to Bella Parkes in a nursery at Hamilton (6f, soft). CIRCLE OF FRIENDS 5l 4th of 6 to Isabella Sharp in a conditions race at Windsor (5f, good to soft). CLARET BUMBLE 4l 6th of 11 to Left Stranded in a nursery at Redcar (5f, good). MILLION LIGHTS 5l 8th of 12 to Enfilea in a maiden at Bath (5f, good to firm).
Selection: CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

2.35 ASTON UPTHORPE YORKSHIRE OAKS (C4)
(Group I: fillies & mares: £78,598: 1m 3f 195yd) (9 runners)

201 (7) 121-222 ONLY ROYALE 18 (D,F,G,S) (G Samaghi) L Cumani 4-9-7 R Cochrane 91
202 (8) 21-2552 SPRING 10 (D,F,G,S) (Lord Halifax) J Dunlop 4-9-7 T Quinn 90
203 (5) 126-414 USER FRIENDLY 25 (CD,F,G,S) (W Gredley) C Brittain 4-9-7 G Duffield
204 (4) 12-26 DANCING BLOOM 16 (G) (Lord Weinstock) M Stoute 3-8-11 W R Swinburn 90
205 (2) -121333 OAKMEAD 10 (D,BF,F,G) (G Tanaka) P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-11 J Reid 92
206 (6) 0 PREMIATA 126 (Skyline Racing Ltd) P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-11 L Dettori —
207 (9) 6111 RAINBOW LAKE 46 (D,F,G,S) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 3-8-11 Pat Eddery 95
208 (1) 032522 ROYAL BALLERINA 4 (BF,G) (M Haga) M Kauntze (Ire) 3-8-11 NON-RUNNER —
209 (3) 511-410 THAWAKIB 18 (D,S) (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 3-8-11 W Carson 88

BETTING: 15-8 User Friendly, 2-1 Rainbow Lake, 6-1 Oakmead, 8-1 Only Royale, Dancing Bloom, 10-1 Thawakib, Spring, 100-1 Premiata.

1992: USER FRIENDLY 3-8-11 G Duffield (8-11 fav) C Brittain 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

ONLY ROYALE 1½l 2nd of 9 to Lyphard's Delta in the group II Nassau Stakes at Goodwood (1m 2f, good to soft), with DANCING BLOOM 6l 6th and THAWAKIB (3lb better off) 9½l 9th. SPRING 2½l 2nd of 7 to Bright Moon in the group II Prix de Pomone at Deauville (1m 5f 110yd, good), with OAKMEAD a neck 3rd.
USER FRIENDLY beat Apple Tree 1½l in the 8-runner group I Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud on penultimate start (1m 4f, good). DANCING BLOOM 3½l 2nd of 11 to Niche in the group II Falmouth Stakes at Newmarket in July (1m, good to firm). RAINBOW LAKE beat Talented 7l in the 8-runner group II Lancashire Oaks at Haydock (1m 4f, good). THAWAKIB beat Iviza 1½l in the 8-runner group II Ribblesdale Stakes at Royal Ascot on penultimate start (1m 4f, soft).
Selection: USER FRIENDLY

3.10 TOTE EBOR HANDICAP (C4)
(£64,300: 1m 5f 194yd) (22 runners)

301 (11) 132110 RISZARD 23 (D,F,G,S) (H De Kwiatkowski) J Bolger (Ire) 4-9-10 C Roche 82
302 (8) 005230 TURGENEV 19 (V,G,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-9-10 M Roberts 83
303 (6) 0/6-4051 OH SO RISKY 32 (F,S) (The Oh So Risky Syndicate) D Elsworth 6-9-9 Pat Eddery 90
304 (13) 05-2215 CASTLE COURAGEOUS 68 (D,F,G) (Lady Mamlod) Lady Herries 6-9-6 K Darley 89
305 (21) 135453 BOLOARDO 39 (V,F,S) (B Vcak) C Brittain 4-9-6 M Birch 92
306 (10) 162311 BRANDON PRINCE 30 (B,C,F,G,S) (R Michaelson) I Balding 5-9-4 (4ex) L Dettori 94
307 (3) 110-410 QUICK RANSOM 53 (CD,F,G,S) (J Morrison) M Johnston 5-9-2 Dean McKeown 90
308 (5) 061112 HIGHFLYING 46 (CD,F,G,S) (B Bailey) G Moore 7-9-1 J Fanning 92
309 (22) 111330 NIGHT CLUBBING 19 (F,G,S) (Shaikh Muparak) R Akehurst 4-9-0 D Holland 93
310 (2) 332140 SAINT KEYNE 41 (D,G) (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 3-8-13 W Ryan 90
311 (19) 1023-00 CASTORET 19 (D,F,G,S) (Lady D'Avigdor-Goldsmid) J Hills 7-8-11 D Harrison (3) 91
312 (17) 610011 GLIDE PATH 14 (F,G) (The Jampot Partnership) J Hills 4-8-11 (4ex) R Hills 98
313 (20) 6-22331 KEY TO MY HEART 40 (C,F,S) (Mrs M Pickering) D Moffatt 3-8-9 K Fallon 94
314 (18) 1034-55 MILLION IN MIND 32 (F,S) (Million Partnership) Mrs J Cecil 4-8-9 W Newnes 93
315 (16) 06-4240 OPERA GHOST 11 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 7-8-9 W R Swinburn 92
316 (15) 116-554 LINDON LIME 40 (C,F) (F Salman) P Cole 3-8-8 A Munro
317 (14) 21-3120 PISTOL RIVER 21 (BF,F,S) (P Green) R Hannon 3-8-8 J Reid 92
318 (12) 1100-15 ENCORE UNE FOIS 79 (F,G,S) (S & G Gutters) M Johnston 4-8-8 T Williams 90
319 (1) 422003 DREAMS END 11 (G,S) (T Pucel) J Scargill 5-8-8 L Piggott 94
320 (7) 422504 DURSHAN 14 (F,G) (BonusPrint) J Jenkins 4-8-4 J Lowe 95
321 (9) 31-0400 SARAWAT 30 (D,F,G) (S Aitken) R Akehurst 5-8-2 T Quinn 91
322 (4) 31462 SPIN DOCTOR 21 (S) (Princess Von Preussen) L Cumani 3-8-2 R Cochrane 98

BETTING: 10-1 Brandon Prince, Spin Doctor, 11-1 Highflying, Pistol River, Turgenev, 12-1 Oh So Risky, 14-1 Dreams End, Glide Path, Key To My Heart, 16-1 Castoret, Quick Ransom, Saint Keyne, Sarawat, 20-1 others.

1992: QUICK RANSOM 4-8-3 Dean McKeown (16-1) M Johnston 22 ran

FORM FOCUS

RISZARD beat Jack Button a short head in a 12-runner conditions race at Royal Ascot on penultimate start (2m 6f, soft). TURGENEV 9l 7th of 12 to Usaidit in a 12-runner listed handicap at Goodwood (1m 4f, good to soft), with NIGHT CLUBBING (3lb better off) 1l 8th and CASTORET (6lb better off) 2l 10th.
OH SO RISKY beat Crystal Cross ½l in a 3-runner handicap at Newmarket (1m 7f, good to soft).
BRANDON PRINCE beat Aahsaylad 2l in a 7-runner handicap at Ayr (1m 7f, good), with SARAWAT (4lb better off) 18l 7th.
QUICK RANSOM beat DREAMS END (6lb better off) 2½l in an 8-runner handicap over course and distance (good to soft), with SARAWAT (9lb better off) 3½l 4th and CASTLE COURAGEOUS (5lb better off) 7l 5th. HIGHFLYING beat Balasani 7l in an 18-runner handicap at Newcastle on penultimate start (2m, good to firm), with BRANDON PRINCE (5lb better off) ¾l 3rd, SARAWAT (18lb better off) 13l 8th and QUICK RANSOM (14lb better off) 7l 11th.
GLIDE PATH beat Blackpatch Hill 2l in a 7-runner handicap at Brighton (1m 4f, good to firm), with DURSHAN (4lb better off) 2¾l 4th. KEY TO MY HEART beat Top Cees 3l in a 5-runner handicap here (1m 4f, good to firm), with LINDON LIME (11lb better off) 10l 4th.
SPIN DOCTOR neck 2nd of 16 to Dana Springs in a handicap at Goodwood (1m 4f, good to soft), with PISTOL RIVER 7¾l 8th.
Selection: SPIN DOCTOR

3.45 SCOTTISH EQUITABLE GIMCRACK STAKES (C4)
(Group II: 2-Y-O colts & geldings: £56,619: 6f) (8 runners)

401 (3) 11431 TURTLE ISLAND 10 (D,G,S) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-5 J Reid
402 (4) 131 MISTER BAILEYS 20 (D,F,S) (G Bailey Ltd) M Johnston 9-3 Dean McKeown 91
403 (5) 66 ALANEES 42 (M Obaida) C Brittain 9-0 W R Swinburn 80
404 (7) 23123 FAST EDDY 10 (D,G) (Mrs A O'Reilly) D Loder 9-0 L Dettori 92
405 (1) 410102 PRINCE AZZAAN 9 (BF,F) (K Al-Said) N Callaghan 9-0 Pat Eddery 82
406 (8) 186 TAKADOU 10 (F) (F Tyldesley) Miss L Siddall 9-0 D Harrison 84
407 (6) 122 TORCH ROUGE 9 (F) (J Hanson) B Hills 9-0 D Holland 91
408 (2) 011 UNBLEST 27 (D,F) (Lord Vestey) J Fanshawe 9-0 G Duffield 93

BETTING: 6-4 Turtle Island, 2-1 Mister Baileys, 9-2 Fast Eddy, 6-1 Unblest, 9-1 Torch Rouge, 14-1 Takadou, 20-1 Prince Azzaan, 33-1 Alanees.

1992: SPLENDENT 9-0 A Munro (8-1) P Cole 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

TURTLE ISLAND beat Las Meninas ½l in the 9-runner group I Heinz 57 Stakes at Leopardstown last time out (6f, good), with FAST EDDY (5lb better off) 3½l 3rd and TAKADOU (5lb better off) 2¾l 6th.
MISTER BAILEYS beat Prince Babar 2½l in the 6-runner group III Lanson Champagne Stakes at Goodwood (7f, good to soft).
FAST EDDY ½l 2nd of 6 to First Trump in the group III July Stakes at Newmarket on penultimate start (6f, good to firm), with TURTLE ISLAND 2½l 4th and ALANEES 8½l 6th. PRINCE AZZAAN 1l 2nd of 11 to Major Success in a nursery at Windsor (6f, good to firm). TORCH ROUGE head 2nd of 6 to Averti in a 6-runner conditions race at Windsor (6f, good to firm).
UNBLEST beat TORCH ROUGE ¾l in a 6-runner conditions race at Doncaster (6f, good to firm), with TAKADOU about 9l 6th.
Selection: MISTER BAILEYS

4.15 ROSES STAKES (C4)
(Listed race: 2-Y-O colts & geldings: £10,672: 5f) (6 runners)

501 (2) 11215 GOLD LAND 10 (C,D,F,G) (F Salman) P Cole 9-0 A Munro
502 (5) 152 IL CARAVAGGIO 27 (B,D,G,S) (A Schaw) D Weld (Ire) 9-0 M J Kinane 92
503 (1) 012240 BID FOR BLUE 32 (D,F) (Cheveley Park Stud) R Hannon 8-11 W R Swinburn 93
504 (6) 1 ELECTRIFY 21 (S) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 8-11 Pat Eddery 93
505 (3) 10114 MOSCOW ROAD 19 (D,S) (G Sampson) R Hannon 8-11 K Darley 96
506 (4) 300106 STORM REGENT 8 (G) (The Storm Syndicate) S Woods 8-11 W Woods 65

BETTING: 4-5 Gold Land, 9-4 Electrify, 5-1 Il Caravaggio, 7-1 Moscow Road, 10-1 Bid For Blue, 20-1 Storm Regent.

1992: SABRE RATTLER 8-12 Pat Eddery (13-2) J Berry 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

GOLD LAND 5¾l 5th of 9 to Turtle Island in group I Heinz 57 at Leopardstown (6f, good). Previously, beat Amber Valley 1½l in a 5-runner conditions race at York (6f, good to firm). IL CARAVAGGIO beat Kly Green 2l in a 7-runner conditions race at Tipperary (5f, good).
BID FOR BLUE 3¾l 4th of 6 to Elrafa Ah in a listed race at Sandown on penultimate start (5f, good to firm). ELECTRIFY beat Jazeel ½l in an 11-runner maiden at Goodwood (6f, good to soft). MOSCOW ROAD 8¾l 4th of 5 to Risky in the group II Molecomb Stakes at Goodwood (5f, good to soft). STORM REGENT's best recent run came when beating No Mean City ½l in a 6-runner nursery at Ayr (6f, good).
Selection: GOLD LAND (nap)

4.45 FULFORD HANDICAP (£10,377: 1m 2f 85yd) (13 runners)

601 (4) 00-2203 MIZAAYA 39 (C,F,G) (M Al Maktoum) M Stoute 4-9-7 W R Swinburn 94
602 (2) 324334 SALATIN 30 (G) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 3-9-4 W Carson 88
603 (10) 8535-24 BOLD PURSUIT 40 (F) (J Fitzgerald) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-9-1 K Fallon 87
604 (1) 4/11111- MR CONFUSION 347 (CD,F,G,S) M Camacho 5-8-13 N Connorton 90
605 (7) 111116 ALDERBROOK 33 (D,G,S) (E Pick) Mrs J Cecil 4-8-12 Paul Eddery 94
606 (3) 0-23400 CUMBRIAN CHALLENGE 11 (B,F,G) (Cumbrian Ltd) M H Easterby 4-8-11 M Birch 96
607 (6) 11-30 CASPIAN TERN 19 (D,G,S) (F Salman) H Candy 4-8-7 A Munro 91
608 (12) 053605 EFHARISTO 22 (V,F,G) (The Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 4-8-7 R Hills 97
609 (5) 441001 MECKLENBURG 25 (D,F,G) (Shaikh Mohammed) H Cecil 3-8-5 M Roberts 96
610 (8) 411112 SILVER SAMURAI 26 (D,BF,F,G,S) (J Cable) Mrs V Aconley 4-8-7 J Lowe 93
611 (13) 4140 STONEY VALLEY 20 (D,F) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-5 J Reid 89
612 (11) 3123 GONE FOR A BURTON 21 (D,F) (H Carrington) P Makin 3-8-3 K Darley 96
613 (9) 152102 MIDNIGHT HEIGHTS 19 (D,G,S) (E Landi) J Dunlop 3-8-1 T Williams

Long handicap: Silver Samurai 8-6 (Minimum weight 4-Y-O+ 8-7, 3-Y-O 7-13)

BETTING: 11-2 Gone For A Burton, 7-1 Mecklenburg, Midnight Heights, 8-1 Alderbrook, Stoney Valley, 10-1 Cumbrian Challenge, Mizaaya, 12-1 Salatin, 14-1 Efharisto, Silver Samurai, 16-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

5.15 FALMOUTH HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £11,257: 5f) (15 runners)

1 (6) 0-16203 SABRE RATTLER 28 (CD,F,G,S) (H Hughes) J Berry 9-7 J Carroll 93
2 (4) 0-10040 ELLE SHAPED 39 (D,F,G) (J Marsden) S Norton 9-3 W R Swinburn 93
3 (13) 111321 CALL ME I'M BLUE 21 (D,G,S) (Harsh (Tipping Gears)) N Tinkler 9-0 L Piggott 97
4 (5) 040313 SAINT EXPRESS 23 (D,F,G) (M St Quinton) R Whitaker 9-0 Dean McKeown 98
5 (15) 315-302 STEPANOV 11 (D,G) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-13 M Roberts
6 (10) 1562-0 IN CASE 88 (D,F) (K Abdulla) R Charlton 8-12 Pat Eddery 90
7 (12) 30-1100 GARNOCK VALLEY 18 (F,S) (R Aird) J Berry 8-12 A Munro 91
8 (14) 8-01152 LOCH PATRICK 21 (D,BF,F,S) (Miss E Collen) L Holt 8-9 J Reid 96
9 (9) 02-3435 MISTERTOPOGIGO 11 (D,F) (G Alessi) B Beasley 8-8 K Darley 93
10 (7) 5-23021 TRAPEZIUM 13 (F) (Shaikh Mohammed) L Cumani 8-5 R Cochrane 97
11 (8) 104505 ANOTHER JADE 4 (D,G,S) (Mrs R Kaplan) A Jarvis 8-0 J Lowe 98
12 (11) 650016 JOBIE 14 (D,G) (J Redmond) W Haggas 7-11 J Quinn 97
13 (3) 206043 PLUM FIRST 25 (B,D,BF,F,S) (Mrs D Benjamin) N Bycroft 7-7 J Fanning 95
14 (1) 331044 HOTARIA 27 (F,S) (Mrs J Richmond) R Whitaker 7-7 D Wright (5) 90
15 (2) 504120 MANOR ADVENTURE 15 (D,G) (Mrs J Marton) B McMahon 7-7 J Bramhill (7) 91

Long handicap: Plum First 7-5, Hotaria 7-3, Manor Adventure 7-2.

BETTING: 6-1 Stepanov, 7-1 In Case, Loch Patrick, 9-1 Call Me I'm Blue, Trapezium, 10-1 Mistertopogigo, 12-1 Another Jade, Garnock Valley, Sabre Rattler, Saint Express, 16-1 others.

1992: WESTERN APPROACH 9-7 Pat Eddery (9-2 fav) J Gosden 13 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	27	93	29.0	Pat Eddery	41	195	21.0
J Gosden	24	83	28.9	D Holland	11	56	19.6
P Cole	12	42	28.6	L Dettori	22	127	17.3
P Chapple-Hyam	6	23	26.1	M Roberts	32	216	14.8
J Dunlop	13	57	22.8	W Carson	32	223	14.3
L Cumani	15	74	20.3	W Ryan	8	60	13.3

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

YORK
C4

2.05: Jimmy The Skunk has the winning habit, having registered five successes, but Jack Berry's gelding may be vulnerable to a less exposed opponent. In a wide-open event, **Million Lights** appeals. After being unsighted on her debut at Newmarket 18 days ago behind Forest Gazelle, Richard Hannon's filly recorded a good time at Bath last week.

2.35: Oakmead, behind Spring at Deauville ten days ago, appears to lack a turn of foot and may have to settle for a place once again. User Friendly, who won this event last year, is the form choice but I did not like her attitude when she faded quickly to finish fourth behind Opera House in the King George. The improving **Rainbow Lake** can give Henry Cecil his third Yorkshire Oaks.

3.10: Spin Doctor looks the perfect Ebor candidate, especially with the overnight rise in weights which enables Ray Cochrane to ride. Third to the subsequent Derby winner, Commander In Chief, in his first race, Luca Cumani's lightly-raced colt looks leniently treated following an excellent second to Dana Springs at Goodwood. He should have the pace to take a prominent position from his low draw. Quick Ransom, three times a winner at York, is 9lb higher than when winning last year's Ebor but should run well again. Brandon Prince and Glide Path are both chasing trebles, while Lindon Lime is a live outsider.

3.45: Torch Rouge is highly rated by Barry Hills and may reverse Doncaster form with Unblest. However, he could be hard pressed to cope with Turtle Island and Mister Baileys. "The Turtle" had a hard race when winning the Phoenix Stakes in Ireland, where David Loder's Fast Eddy finished third, and I just prefer **Mister Baileys** who had the Champagne Stakes at Goodwood won fully two furlongs out last time.

4.15: It is far from certain that Gold Land or Electrify will be suited by a return to the minimum trip but it is hard to see any of the other runners taking advantage. Preference is for Khaled Abdulla's **Electrify**, who has more scope for improvement than Paul Cole's runner.

Richard Evans

CARLISLE

THUNDERER

2.10 Lara's Baby. 2.45 Jahangir. 3.20 Gant Bleu. 3.55 Singing Star. 4.25 Palacegate Jack. 4.55 Cornflake.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.10 GREYLAG SELLING STAKES
(£2,364: 1m 4f) (8 runners)

1 5334 ANAR 21 (V,F) S Norton 4-9-10 O Pears (3) 5
2 2621 LE TEMERAIRE 15 (D,F,G) N Tinkler 7-9-10 Kim Tinkler 4
3 3354 FAMOUS BEAUTY 6 (D,BF,F,G,S) R Hollinshead 6-9-5 L Aspell (7) 7
4 -445 LARA'S BABY 12 (D,G) P Evans 5-8-5 A Clark 6
5 0 WITHOUT LEAVE 15 N Chamberlain 4-8-5 S Webster 2
6 0 SHARP SENSATION 14 M Hammond 3-8-9 J Marshall (3) 3
7 0-54 YEVEED 5 (BF,S) M H Easterby 3-8-9 S Maloney (3) 8
8 4 LORLANNE 33 R Allan 3-8-4 A Mackay 1

2-1 Le Temeraire, 11-4 Yeveed, 7-2 Famous Beauty, 11-2 Anar, 10-1 Lara's Baby, 12-1 Sharp Sensation, 16-1 others.

2.45 CONWAY RENTAL HANDICAP
(£3,183: 7f 214yd) (14)

1 2210 EXPRESS GIFT 26 (C,D,F,S) Mrs M Reveley 4-10-0 Darren Moffatt (5) 14
2 5230 JAHANGIR 18 (D,G,S) B Hanbury 4-9-13 O Pears (3) 6
3 0000 BARTH 26 (B,F) R Hollinshead 5-9-1 S Perks 5
4 1152 TOUCH ABOVE 12 (F) T Barron 7-9-0 V Halliday (7) 11
5 2243 MASTER OFTHE HOUSE 12 M Hammond 7-8-9 J Marshall (3) 3
6 2450 SILVER STANDARD 19 (S) J Watts 3-8-8 L Charnock 8
7 4553 MAROWINS 12 (G) E Alston 4-8-6 D Wright (5) 4
8 0354 HAND ON HEART 7 (V,C,D,F,G) P Monteith 4-8-5 A Clark 13
9 /00- JIM'S WISH 81J (F) T Cuthbert 5-8-5 Claire Balding (7) 9
10 4010 HOT OFF THE PRESS 36 (D,F) R Whitaker 3-8-3 A Culhane 1
11 0-03 PINKERTON'S SILVER 12 M H Easterby 3-7-13 S Maloney (3) 7
12 0030 SKOLERN 9 (F,G) A Harrison 9-7-11 S Wood 2
13 0402 COOL ENOUGH 8 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 12-7-10 A Mackay 10
14 00/6 EVER SO SHARP 25 (F,S) J Smith 10-7-7 A Garth (5) 12

9-2 Jahangir, 11-2 Marowins, 6-1 Cool Enough, 7-1 Hand On Heart, 8-1 Touch Above, 10-1 Master Ofthe House, Pinkertons Silver, 12-1 others.

3.20 CONWAY VAUXHALL HANDICAP
(£3,158: 6f 206yd) (11)

1 6603 ARABAT 11 (D,F,G,S) M Wane 6-10-0 V Halliday (7) 3
2 0131 CORONA GOLD 12 (D,G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 3-9-6 S Parks 2
3 -006 AFFORDABLE 15 (D,F,G) S Norton 5-9-4 O Pears (3) 11
4 0000 GANT BLEU 18 (CD,F,G,S) R Whitaker 6-9-4 A Culhane 8
5 5300 ROCK OPERA 15 (F) M Naughton 5-9-2 A Clark 7
6 0164 DIWALI DANCER 13 (V,D,G) A Bailey 3-8-12 A Tucker 9
7 1310 NORLING 14 (C,F,G) N Tinkler 3-8-10 L Charnock 6
8 3303 VANART 9 W Haigh 4-8-8 S Webster 1
9 0/02- KILTROUM 259 C Tinkler 4-8-5 S Maloney (3) 5
10 4560 JOTRA 90 R Whitaker 3-8-4 A Mackay 4
11 0000- SWANK GILBERT 81J T Cuthbert 7-7-7 Claire Balding (7) 10

3-1 Vanart, 4-1 Corona Gold, 9-2 Arabat, 6-1 Diwali Dancer, 8-1 Kiltroum, 10-1 Norling, Affordable, 12-1 Gant Bleu, 14-1 Rock Opera, 20-1 others.

3.55 MATTHEW BROWN HANDICAP
(£4,175: 5f) (16)

1 100- FANGIO 343 (D,F,G) W G M Turner 4-10-0 T Sprake 15
2 1100 GONDO 11 (C,D,F,G,S) E Alston 6-9-8 S Knott (7) 10
3 3545 TWO MOVES IN FRONT 27 (CD,F,G,S) J Berry 3-9-6 P Roberts (7) 4
4 5566 JADE CITY 9 (D,F) Jimmy Fitzgerald 3-9-6 S D Williams (3) 3
5 0564 WILLSHE GAN 9 (D,F,S) Denys Smith 3-9-5 L Charnock 14
6 1000 JUST BOB 15 (D,F,G,S) S Kettlewell 4-9-4 M Proctor (7) 7
7 6022 SINGING STAR 14 (D,F) J Balding 7-9-4 Claire Balding (7) 8
8 3140 RED FAN 9 (B,G) M Dods 3-9-1 O Pears (3) 2
9 5312 HERE COMES A STAR 6 (D,F,G) J Carr 5-9-0 A Clark 6
10 6020 PALLIUM 6 (D,F,G) M Naughton 5-8-13 A Culhane 11
11 0-60 ABSOLUTELY NUTS 72 (D,G) P Evans 4-8-13 A Tucker 5
12 5100 PAGEBOY 2 (B,D,F) P Haslam 4-8-10 N Kennedy (3) 16
13 0061 ADMIRALS REALM 6 (D,F) B McMahon 4-8-7 (7ex) A Mackay 9
14 0522 FOLLOWMEGIRLS 13 (D,BF,F,G) Mrs A King 4-8-5 S Parks 13
15 2210 MILBANK CHALLENGER 14 (D,F) M H Easterby 3-8-5 S Maloney (3) 12
16 0500 MISS ARAGON 4 (C,G) Miss L Siddall 5-7-10 S Wood 1

9-2 Admirals Realm, 6-1 Here Comes A Star, 7-1 Singing Star, 8-1 Followmegirls, 10-1 Willshe Gan, 12-1 Gondo, Pageboy, 14-1 others.

4.25 EBF CONWAY AFTER SALES MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,924: 5f) (9)

1 66 BLAIN 34 J Berry 9-0 A Clark 1
2 5322 GENERAL GUBBINS 18 J Hetherton 9-0 S Maloney (3) 4
3 465 IBERIAN MAGIC 58 Denys Smith 9-0 L Charnock 7
4 00 LOCHON 28 W Barker 9-0 S Webster 6
5 2263 PALACEGATE JACK 18 (BF) J Berry 9-0 D Pears (3) 5
6 04 SECONDS AWAY 19 A Harrison 9-0 A Mackay 2
7 00 CELTIC GOVERNESS 74 J Balding 8-9 Claire Balding (7) 9
8 MARJAN R Hollinshead 8-9 A Garth (5) 8
9 PASTURES NEW B Rothwell 8-9 S Wood 3

9-4 General Gubbins, 3-1 Palacegate Jack, 4-1 Seconds Away, 8-1 Blain, 10-1 Marjan, Pastures New, 14-1 Iberian Magic, 16-1 others.

4.55 WHITE FRONT MAIDEN HANDICAP
(£2,668: 1m 6f 32yd) (13)

1 5604 FAIRWAYS ON TARGET 15 Mrs M Reveley 7-10-0 S Maloney (3) 12
2 0242 INTREPID LASS 33 H Candy 5-9-5 C Rutter 13
3 3468 SPANISH REFUGE 14 Lord Huntingdon 3-9-2 R P Elliott 1
4 0404 BORROWED AND BLUE 13 W Jarvis 3-9-2 D Pears (3) 8
5 2536 ARC BRIGHT 34 R Hollinshead 3-8-12 S Perks 3
6 0006 KINTAVI 18 J Mackie 3-8-11 S D Williams (3) 4
7 0650 MAJOR JACK 9 R Allan 3-8-10 A Mackay 10
8 00-0 HAUT-BRION 8 W Storey 4-8-8 S Webster 11
9 5326 CORNFLAKE 11 (BF) Denys Smith 3-8-5 A Clark 2
10 0036 INVISIBLE ARMOUR 8 (B) P Haslam 4-8-5 Dale Gibson 5
11 6-32 SCALP 'EM 8 P Evans 5-8-4 L Charnock 7
12 6643 DON'T CRY 8 E Incisa 5-7-10 Kim Tinkler 6
13 -000 BLAKENEY BOY 20 R Lamb 3-7-7 N Kennedy (3) 9

7-2 Intrepid Lass, 4-1 Scalp 'em, 5-1 Fairways On Target, 6-1 Don't Cry, 7-1 Borrowed And Blue, 10-1 Cornflake, Arc Bright, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: W Jarvis, 4 winners from 12 runners, 33.3%; N Tinkler, 7 from 31, 22.6%; J Berry, 27 from 121, 22.3%; J Watts, 7 from 34, 20.6%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 3 from 15, 20%; Mrs M Reveley, 10 from 52, 19.2%.

JOCKEYS: A Culhane, 9 winners from 56 rides, 16.1%; O Pears, 4 from 26, 15.4%; S Perks, 6 from 42, 14.3%; R P Elliott, 3 from 23, 13.0%. Only qualifiers.

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5.40 Rutland Water. 6.10 Tom Morgan. 6.40 Nicolotte. 7.10 Cotteir Chief. 7.40 Barford Lad. 8.10 Digpast.

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5.40 DOUGLAS CAMERON APPRENTICE HANDICAP
(£3,366: 1m 2f) (14 runners)

1 2006 RUTLAND WATER 9 (D,F) R Akehurst 6-9-10 T Ashley (5) 3
2 -010 BIT ON THE SIDE 61 (G,S) W Musson 4-9-10 G Faulkner (7) 5
3 3231 SANTANA LADY 9 (D,F,G) M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-10 (5ex) Ruth Coulter (5) 12
4 3211 OVERPOWER 15 (D,F,G,S) M Tompkins 9-9-6 S Mulvey 8
5 -200 CRETOES DANCER 186 (D,G) W Muir 4-8-9 Kim McDonnell 2
6 4018 VA UTU 84J (D,F,G) M Channon 5-8-8 R Painter (5) 10
7 0000 STRIKING IMAGE 113 (F) J Moore 4-8-6 D Gibbs (3) 1
8 6030 ALBERT 21 (C,D,F,G,S) D Wilson 6-8-6 Sharon Millard (5) 6
9 6053 TAKE THE MICK 8 (B) S Mellor 3-8-4 T G McLaughlin 9
10 005 SULA MOON 14 C C Elsey 3-7-13 B Russell 7
11 0500 ROSIETOES 15 (F) L Cottrell 5-7-13 P McCabe 4
12 0500 SHADES OF JADE 8 (F) J Bridger 5-7-12 M Baird (5) 13
13 0416 WHO'S THE BEST 41 (F) A Jarvis 3-7-12 D McCabe 14
14 1430 HEAVY ROCK 23 (G) D Cosgrove 4-7-7 L Newton 11

7-2 Overpower, 4-1 Santana Lady, 5-1 Rutland Water, 6-1 Bit On The Side, 8-1 Take The Mick, Albert, 10-1 Who's The Best, 12-1 Va Utu, 16-1 others.

6.10 MIKE DICKIN MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,522: 6f) (23)

1 BELLO GALLICO R Hannon 9-0 S Raymont 17
2 050 CHILIGRAY 42 (B) J Dunlop 9-0 Stephen Davies (5) 8
3 COUCHANT G Wragg 9-0 S Whitworth 22
4 DANDINI M Dixon 9-0 N Adams 23
5 3 FRIENDLY CHAMP 32 R Armstrong 9-0 R Price 15
6 20 HARDING 23 (BF) J Dunlop 9-0 J Williams 12
7 354 HELLO MISTER 15 J O'Donoghue 9-0 T G McLaughlin (7) 18
8 LETS GO BO J Sutcliffe 9-0 B Rouse 5
9 60 MISTER O'GRADY 12 Pat Mitchell 9-0 G Forster (7) 14
10 55 MR BERGERAC 12 B Palling 9-0 C Hodgson (3) 6
11 3045 RAPIER POINT 9 P Haslam 9-0 W Ryan 13
12 SAAR C Benstead 9-0 M Wigham 11
13 04 SARMATIAN 7 C Wall 9-0 Jaid Houston 3
14 5 STORM SHIP 18 A Scott 9-0 L Dettori 7
15 32 TOM MORGAN 11 (BF) P Walwyn 9-0 G Duffield 9
16 WYCHWOOD SANDY R Phillips 9-0 N Day 20
17 ARNDILLY C Egerton 8-9 A Procter (5) 16
18 55 BANDITA 49 Miss A Whitfield 8-9 R Painter (7) 21
19 MAGIC MAGGIE M Channon 8-9 Lorna Vincent 4
20 MUSICAL SQUIRREL B McMath 8-9 E Johnson 19
21 00 MUSIC PRINCESS 32 B Gubby 8-9 B Russell (5) 2
22 03 ROYALE FIGURINE 18 M Fetherston-Godley 8-9 D Harrison (3) 10
23 TOTALLY TICKLED M Bell 8-9 M Hills 1

11-4 Friendly Champ, 5-1 Tom Morgan, 6-1 Storm Ship, 7-1 Bello Gallico, Couchant, 10-1 Sarmatian, Royale Figurine, 12-1 Harding, 16-1 Rapier Point, Totally Tickled, 20-1 Magic Maggie, 25-1 others.

6.40 PETE MURRAY MAIDEN STAKES (SKY)
(2-Y-O: £3,786: 7f) (16)

1 40 AL JINN 19 R Williams 9-0 C Hodgson (3) 11
2 CHOPENDOZ W Jarvis 9-0 M Tebbutt 1
3 DESERT FIGHTER M Stoute 9-0 NON RUNNER 2
4 534 DUELLO 14 M Blanshard 9-0 N Adams 16
5 0 FORGOTTEN DANCER 87 R Hannon 9-0 S Raymont 6
6 3 NICOLOTTE 19 (BF) G Wragg 9-0 M Hills 13
7 45 REED MY LIPS 75 P Walwyn 9-0 G Duffield 10
8 SAHAH R Williams 9-0 B Rouse 15
9 4 SMART FAMILY 116 P Cole 9-0 T Quinn 12
10 5 WAYFARERS WAY 12 R Hannon 9-0 L Dettori 3
11 0 A SUITABLE GIRL 11 G Eden 8-9 S Dawson 9
12 JADY'S DREAM B Palling 8-9 W Ryan 7
13 POSSIBILITY Mrs L Piggott 8-9 J Williams 5
14 TUDOR FLIGHT Lady Herries 8-9 M Wigham 4
15 4 VARSAVIA 18 Lord Huntingdon 8-9 D Harrison (3) 14
16 WILD TRUFFES N Graham 8-9 D Holland 8

8-11 Nicolotte, 9-2 Varsavia, 6-1 Wayfarers Way, 10-1 Reed My Lips, 12-1 Smart Family, 14-1 Wild Truffes, 16-1 Duello, Forgotten Dancer, 20-1 others.

7.10 ROBBIE VINCENT STAKES (SKY)
(2-Y-O: £3,420: 7f) (3)

1 5143 PETER ROWLEY 18 (C,G) R Hannon 8-13 L Dettori 2
2 2 ALAFLAK 18 (BF) J Dunlop 8-11 W Carson 3
3 1 COTTEIR CHIEF 55 (F) M Pipe 8-11 W Ryan 1

8-11 Alaflak, 9-4 Peter Rowley, 4-1 Cotteir Chief.

7.40 LONDON TALKBACK RADIO 1152 HANDICAP (SKY)
(£4,962: 1m 4f) (6)

1 1302 BLACKPATCH HILL 14 (D,G) J Dunlop 4-10-0 W Carson 6
2 1041 SUN OF SPRING 7 (D,F) M Stoute 3-9-5 (4ex) M Roberts 3
3 2201 RIVAL BID 12 (G) M Jarvis 5-9-2 N Day 1
4 5053 BARFORD LAD 18 (C,F,S) J Fanshawe 6-9-0 L Dettori 2
5 5606 JUSTICE 40 (D,G) C Brittain 5-8-10 G Duffield 4
6 2254 ROMALITO 9 (B) M Blanshard 3-7-8 N Adams 5

9-4 Sun Of Spring, 5-2 Blackpatch Hill, 7-2 Rival Bid, 9-2 Barford Lad, 7-1 Romalito, 12-1 Justice.

8.10 STEVE ALLEN HANDICAP
(£3,236: 7f) (14)

1 0060 DIGPAST 22 (B,D,G) R Akehurst 3-9-10 D Harrison (3) 12
2 0446 FIRST GOLD 72 (BF,F,S) J Wharton 4-8-9 J Williams 1
3 5623 TEANARCO 20 (BF,D,F,G,S) P Murphy 5-9-8 L Dettori 4
4 3111 PANCHELLITA 5 (CD,F,G) G Moore 4-9-7 (5ex) B Rouse 11
5 1142 DANCING SENSATION 7 (BF,D,F,S) R Akehurst 6-9-2 T Quinn 14
6 1406 TAJDID 20 (D,F) H Thomson Jones 3-9-1 W Carson 8
7 3201 PUSEY STREET BOY 15 (D,F,S) J Bosley 6-8-9 M Hills 5
8 -060 THRESHFIELD 30 (D,F) B Curley 7-8-5 G Hind 2
9 0050 GALLANT HOPE 6 (B,F,G) L Cottrell 11-8-2 D McCabe (5) 10
10 0406 JOLTO 11 (D,G) K Cunningham-Brown 4-7-13 M Roberts 7
11 4006 THATCHED 28 (B) C Wall 3-7-11 N Carlisle 9
12 3002 ZINBAQ 5 (D,F,G,S) C Benstead 7-7-10 T Williams 3
13 00-0 DANCING MISS 18 P Hedger 4-7-9 C Avery 6
14 0600 RAPINSKI 11 (B) K Wingrove 4-7-7 K Williamson 13

7-2 Dancing Sensation, 4-1 Panchellita, Teanarco, 13-2 Pusey Street Boy, 7-1 Zinbaq, 10-1 Digpast, 12-1 Threshfield, 16-1 First Gold, Tajdid, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: A Scott, 9 winners from 42 runners, 21.4%; J Fanshawe, 7 from 38, 18.4%; P Walwyn, 13 from 76, 17.1%; M Stoute, 12 from 74, 16.2%; M Jarvis, 5 from 35, 14.3%; G Wragg, 5 from 38, 13.2%.

JOCKEYS: D Holland, 6 winners from 42 rides, 14.3%; W Carson, 29 from 211, 13.7%; W Ryan, 7 from 53, 13.2%; M Roberts, 23 from 182, 12.6%; D Harrison, 5 from 46, 10.9%. Only qualifiers.

Huge cash bet goes down

WILLIAM Hill, the bookmakers, were £40,000 richer yesterday after one of racing's biggest cash bets missed the target at York.

The firm was spared an £80,000 payout when the Peter Chapple-Hyam-trained White Muzzle trailed in only fifth behind 28-1 winner Ezzoud in the Juddmonte International Stakes.

The client, whose identity is not being revealed, had placed the bet, at odds of 2-1, at a shop in North London on Monday.

A William Hill spokesman, Graham Sharpe, said: "It is fair to say we are quite relieved the horse was beaten, but you'll never get a bookmaker to admit it was the perfect result. Ezzoud was well backed each-way, but things could have been far, far worse."

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Rift between captains and umpires worsens

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

HIGH on the agenda of yesterday's meeting of the Test and County Cricket Board was a report by the disciplinary committee on declining standards of player behaviour. What it might have produced is a reluctant admission that the relationship essential to the smooth conduct of the game — that between captains and umpires — is deteriorating dangerously.

This always was an inevitable outcome of the board's recent instruction to all 18 counties to hold internal enquiries into on-field behaviour, and their simultaneous urging of umpires to be more diligent in reporting transgressions.

The issue, however, is about to be exposed to a wider audience. This evening, BBC television's *On The Line* programme focuses on the system whereby a first-class umpire's livelihood is dictated by marks awarded by the county captains, on whose players the umpires are being asked to exert more authority.

This marking method, anachronistic at best and iniquitous at worst, is reviewed annually by the board and survives only because nobody has created anything preferable. *On The Line*, however, produce a number of former umpires, mostly disaffected by the manner of their removal *from the first-class list*, to condemn the system.

Billy Ibadullah, a former Warwickshire player now coaching in New Zealand, said: "Captains become prosecutors, accusers and jury ... they have got their own interests to look after." Peter Eele, the umpire, added: "It is very easy for captains to mark you down ... but they can get away with missing a full toss." Mike Hendrick, an umpire before becoming manager of Nottinghamshire, said: "The captain of a losing side writes his report from the heart. He can give an umpire a bad time."

The most serious allegation of the programme is also the most easily dismissed. Figures indicate that captains are 17 per cent less likely to be given out leg-before than other players, suggesting that umpires act through fear of being marked down. As most captains are top-order batsmen, who probably fall leg-before less often than tailenders, the board may be right to deride it. "There are lies, damned lies and stupid statistics," Ken Lawrence, their spokesman, said yesterday. "None are more stupid than this."

Don Oslear is alone among existing umpires in consenting to an interview on the programme, and this is no coincidence. Oslear was removed from the lucrative Test panel in 1985 and was further embittered when the board took no action over his report of "foul and abusive language" by Ken Benjamin, the Worcestershire fast bowler, in June.

But if Oslear is not the most credible conduit for the umpires' concerns, they should *not fall on deaf ears*. The most disturbing aspect of the Benjamin incident is that Oslear and his colleague, Nigel Plews, requested a meeting with the Worcestershire captain, Tim Curtis, who is chairman of the Cricketers' Association. Although the game was in its first day, Curtis never presented himself to the umpires.

If this, from one senior captain to two senior umpires, is typical of barriers and mistrust existing in the English game, the board would have done well to have debated the subject thoroughly yesterday — and to have avoided rejecting today's allegations on television out of hand.

☐ Graham Gooch has urged England to keep faith with *their young players this winter*. Gooch's decision to sit out the West Indies tour means that Mike Atherton, the new captain, will be missing the country's most reliable batsman. But that does not necessarily create a gap for a seasoned campaigner like David Gower, Allan Lamb or Mike Gatting, according to Gooch, who is 40.

"Taking a senior figure is one argument," he said. "But another is that we have brought in three or four new players this summer and I don't think it would be fair to discard them. I think it's right to stick with the likes of Thorpe and Hussain. That's what Australia did with their youngsters a few years ago.

"I'm sure Gower, Gatting and Lamb will come under consideration for the winter but the selectors must decide whether taking them would be beneficial. I agree with Mike Atherton. What we have to do is identify a certain number of guys whom we think are good enough and then give them an extended opportunity to become Test players."

Ottey judged second among equals

Simon Barnes on the questions raised by the judges' decision after the women's 100 metres in Stuttgart

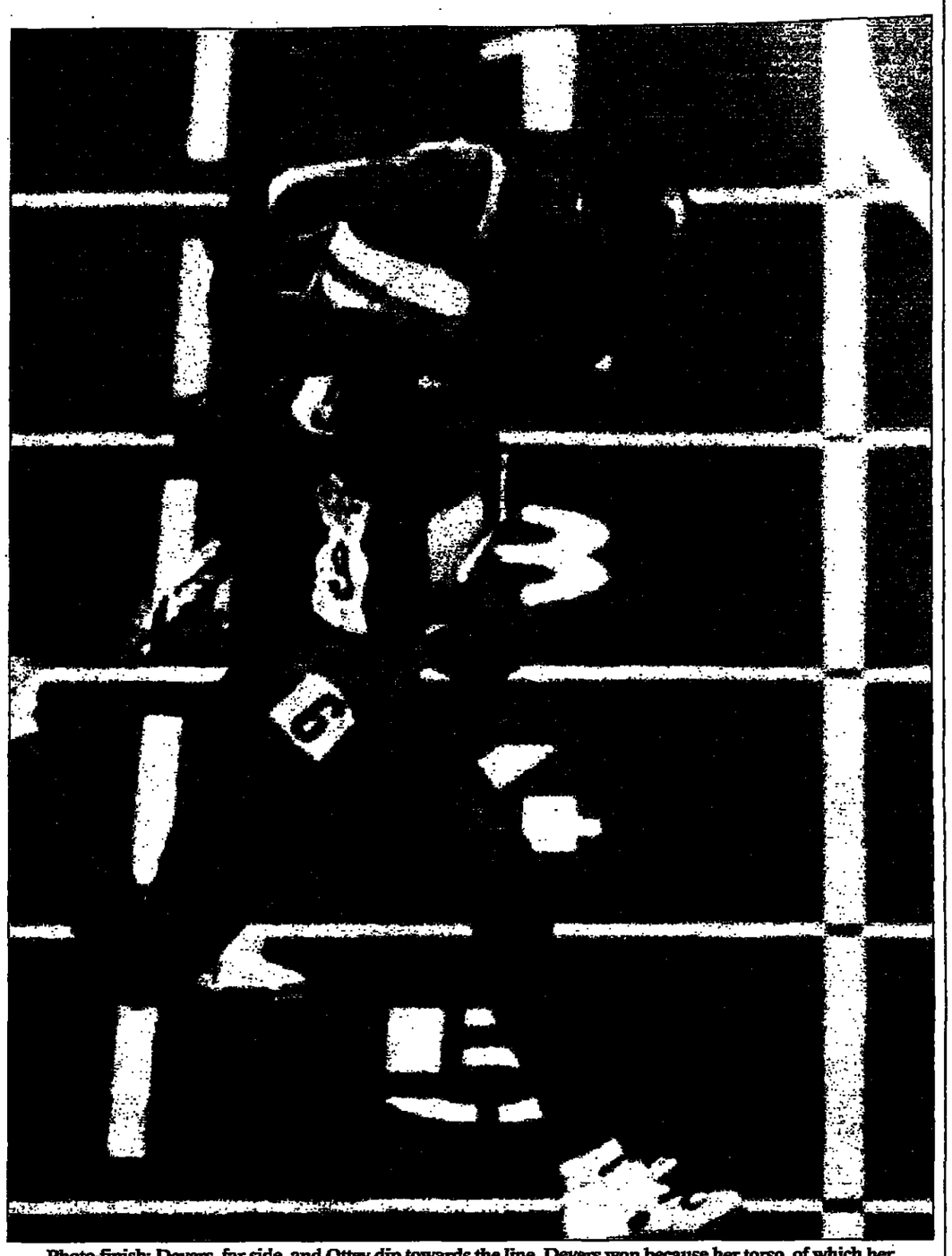

Photo-finish: Devers, far side, and Ottey dip towards the line. Devers won because her torso, of which her shoulders are considered part, was adjudged to have crossed the line first. Photograph: Ludwig Huebl

Merlene Ottey thinks she won. Most of the rest of the world thinks the whole business was too close to call and that the only fair and just decision on the matter would have been a dead heat, joint victory for Ottey and Gail Devers in the 100 metres at the world athletics championships on Monday night.

But Devers has a gold medal and Ottey a silver, because the world of officialdom decided that Devers crossed the line first. Initially, they said she was faster by one hundredth of a second, having rounded up Devers's time after establishing there was a thousandth of a second between them. Yesterday, they changed their minds and gave both runners the same time, 10.82sec, saying their first judgment gave a misleading impression of clear victory.

But Ottey still says she won. It is an interesting philosophical point: have you won when you cross the line first, or have you won only when the judge says you have won?

On Monday night Tony Adams, of Arsenal, scored against Spurs. It seemed pretty clear-cut from the replays, anyway. But the referee *believed that the ball had been* cleared before crossing the line in its entirety. A probable referee's error, then, so was it morally a goal? Or if not, is it morally a goal if the referee awards a goal in error?

"I never touched it," a cricketer will say in the bar afterwards. "It was never out." The reply is always the same: "Look in the scorebook then." Such elevated discussions have been part of cricket since the game began.

Take the last Test match. Shane Warne got two leg-before decisions that prompted England's second-innings collapse. Without these decisions England might — in theory, anyway — have salvaged a draw. Replays showed that Smith's ball might have missed off stump and that Stewart's pitched outside leg. Smith has been dropped for the last Test, too.

Stewart made a run out earlier in the match. In no circumstances could the umpire, David Shepherd, have given Taylor out. Stewart needed to stand between umpire and batsman to break the wicket, and Shepherd could not see.

But the action replay, taken from the other side, showed beyond doubt that Stewart beat the batsman. In former times, the batsman would have been given not out and could well have gone on to make a century. But now the umpires can use the technology, previously only available to everybody else, to make decisions on run-outs and stumpings. So Taylor was out. Look in the scorebook.

Would he have been morally out if he had got the benefit of a genuine doubt? And what if he had scored a century? Had Pyrrhus not fallen by a beldam's hand in Argos or Julius Caesar not been knifed to death? These things are not to be thought away.

Stephen Dedalus could do no better than that, and nor can I. But all the same, I sympathise with Ottey. She is 33, she turns up to run just about everywhere, she is wonderful to watch, and the big prize has always just eluded her. How can the judges be certain that Devers crossed the line before her?

One is left with the rather base thought that a single winner was required because it is impossible to cut a Mercedes in half — a Mercedes being the prize for each winner at the world championships. One tends to have base thoughts about the judges at world athletics championships, ever since the long jump result was fiddled at the event in 1987 in favour of the home nation, Italy.

That leaves Ottey a winner yet not a winner, Adams a scorer of a goal that was not a goal, and Stewart out but not out. There is never a satisfactory answer to such conundrums. You can only officiate as well and as pure-heartedly as you can. One must seek to rule out every mistake, knowing that *this is impossible*.

One must also understand that there is a difference between a crass and negligent error, and an honest error of judgment. Still more important, one must understand that there is a difference between a mistake and a fiddle. Stewart's dismissal was a simple error of judgment: so, no doubt, was Adams's non-goal.

I do not know into which category the Ottey judgment falls, but I doubt if the Mercedes business worries her overmuch. What upsets her is that you cannot hang a moral gold medal on the wall.

Ambitious Burghley raises its fences

FOR the first time in the 32-year history of the event, the course for this year's Burghley Remy Martin horse trials at Stamford in Lincolnshire will be bigger than *its counterpart* at Badminton.

The course for the trials, from September 2-5 in the grounds of Burghley House, have been designed by Mark Phillips, who said: "Badminton was smaller than usual this year, but, at Burghley, we have deliberately set out to maintain the standards of a four-star event. For the first time, Burghley can no longer be regarded as a stepping stone for Badminton."

Takher is only change

Hockey: England have made one change in the squad of 16 for the match against Australia at Reading on August 29, Kalbir Takher, of Cannock, replacing the unavailable John Shaw.

SQUAD: D Lukes (East Grinstead), J Barrow (Hounslow), R Hill (Havant), P Botland (Hounslow), G Haile (Old Loughtonians), J Potter (Hounslow, captain), J Lastet (Teddington), S Hazlet (Hounslow), A Deguin (Barford Tigers), K Takher (Cannock), D Williams (Havant), R Thompson (Hounslow), R Garcia (Havant), N Thompson (Old Loughtonians), R Welch (Southgate), P McGuire (Teddington).

Tse suffers upset

Tennis: Kerry Hughes, from Leicester, caused the biggest surprise so far of the Midland Bank national junior championships at Nottingham yesterday when she beat the third seed in the girls' singles, Sara Tse, of the Isle of Man, 4-6, 7-6, 6-2 to reach the third round.

Sri Lanka agree

Cricket: Sri Lanka will accept the former New Zealand captain, John Reid, as match referee for their Test and one-day series with South Africa, despite objecting to his previous links with South Africa.

Davies honour

Golf: The former British and US Open champion, Laura Davies, has become only the second player to be made an *honorary member of the European* Women's Tour. Davies, 29, who has won 15 events over an eight-year period playing on the tour, follows another Briton, Dale Reid.

Holders survive

Bowls: Gary Smith and Andy Thomson, the holders, survived two tight matches, after falling behind in both, to take their places in the semi-finals of the Sanatogen English Bowling Association pairs championship at Worthing yesterday.

RESULTS FROM STUTTGART

Men

200 metres

First round

First three in each heat plus five fastest losers overall qualify for second round

QUALIFIERS: Heat one: 1, D Effiong (Nigeria), 20.53; 2, J Rossouw (SA), 20.66; 3, D Marsh (Aus), 20.73. Heat two: 1, D Capobianco (Aus), 20.52; 2, F Fredericks (Nam), 20.65; 3, R Stewart (Jam), 20.85; 4, N Antonov (Bul), 20.88. Heat three: 1, D Dolle (Switz), 20.67; 2, O Fatun (Russ), 20.71; 3, J Hendrix (US), 20.74; 4, K Ito (Jpn), 20.96. Heat four: 1, C Lewis (US), 20.45; 2, N Boateng (Ghana), 20.53; 3, A Fedorw (Russ), 20.73. Heat five: 1, G Gibbon (Can), 20.57; 2, P Delice (Trin), 20.97; 3, J Gikonyo (Kenya), 21.14. Heat six: 1, R Da Silva (Bri), 20.54; 2, E Tuffour (Ghana), 20.57; 3, R Kumicki (Ger), 20.66; 4, T Eriksson (Swe), 20.90; 5, K Ondiek (Kenya), 20.97. Heat seven: 1, J-C Trouabal (Fr), 20.50; 2, J Regis (GB), 20.67; 3, A Tecuan (Gre), 20.83; 4, G Mamas (It), 20.95. Heat eight: 1, P Stevens (Bel), 20.85; 2, S Georgiev (Bul), 21.05; 3, S Tsiles (Bri), 21.22. Heat nine: 1, M Marsh (US), 20.77; 2, A Mahorn (Can), 20.89; 3, G Moen (Nor), 21.18. British non-qualifier: Linford Christie (GB), did not start heat eight.

5,000 metres

Final

1, I Kau (Ken), 13min 2.75sec; 2, H Gebreslase (Eth), 13'03.17; 3, F Bayessa (Eth), 13'05.40; 4, W Biksa (Eth), 13'06.64; 5, K Koch (Mor), 13'07.18; 6, B Jabbour (Libr), 13.19.87; 7, A Nsengama (Burundi), 13'20.69; 8, P Bitok (Ken), 13'23.41; 9, R Denmark (GB), 13'27.09; 10, M Ntawulikura (Rwanda), 13'28.58; 11, A Anton (Sp), 13'40.21; 12, J Danielson (Swe), 13'40.59; 13, Z Kolcy (Hun), 13'43.02; 14, M Chesire (Ken), 13'44.11; did not finish, A Belaout (Alg).

400 metres hurdles

Semi-finals

First two in each heat plus two fastest losers overall qualify for final

HEAT ONE: 1, W Graham (Jam), 48.09; 2, D Adkins (US), 48.51; 3, O Tverdokhlev (Ukr), 49.62; 4, B Kinyor (Kenya), 49.06; 5, S Nylander (Swe), 49.21; 6, D Vorster (SA), 49.52; 7, G Cadogan (GB), 49.58; 8, H Kazuie (Jpn), 49.71.

HEAT TWO: 1, S Matete (Zam), 48.18; 2, E Keter (Kenya), 48.24; 3, F Mori (It), 49.23; 4, J Perez (Cuba), 49.34; 5, Y Saito (Jpn), 49.43; 6, M Dollendorf (Bel), 49.93; 7, O Horsse (Ger), 50.05; 8, N Wallerind (Swe), 50.40.

HEAT THREE: 1, K Young (US), 47.99; 2, S Diagana (Fr), 48.50; 3, G Finnolo (It), 49.22; 4, S Kerube (Jpn), 49.31; 5, R Robinson (Aus) 49.36; 6, G Bwott (Kenya), 49.42; 7, D Cordero (P Rico), 49.62; 8, M Kocuvan (Slo), 49.71.

Triple jump

Final

1, M Conley (US), 17.86m; 2, L Voloshin (Russ), 17.65; 3, J Edwards (GB), 17.44; 4, R Jaros (Ger), 17.34; 5, P Camara (Fr), 17.28; 6, D Kapusesin (Russ), 17.19; 7, A Silva (Br), 17.19; 8, B Wollman (Bel), 17.12; 9, S Hetan (Fr), 17.09; 10, K Hamson (US), 17.06; 11, J Roman (Dominican R), 16.98; 12, Y Quesada (Cuba), 16.77; 13, O Denschchik (Belo), 16.61.

Javelin

Final

1, J Zelezny (Cz Rep), 85.98m; 2, K Kinnunen (Fin), 84.76; 3, D Polyunin (Uzbekistan), 83.38; 4, M Hill (GB), 82.96; 5, S Backley (GB), 81.80; 6 A Pakannen (Fin), 81.08; 7, D Wennlund (Swe), 80.52; 8, V Sasimowich (Bel), 78.70; 9, P Boden (Swe), 78.00; 10, T Pukstys (US), 77.52; 11, T McHugh (Ire), 76.22; 12, M Stegaul (Cz Rep), 70.78.

Women

100 metres

Final

1, Devers, 10.81sec; 2, Ottey, 10.82; 3, Torrence, 10.89; 4, Privalova, 10.96; 5, Onyali, 11.05; 6, Voronova, 11.20; 7, Mitchell, 11.20; 8, Allen, 11.23.

200 metres

First round

First four in each heat plus four fastest losers overall qualify for second round

QUALIFIERS: Heat one: 1, M Ottey (Jam), 23.39sec; 2, K Merry (GB), 23.49; 3, Y Steyn (SA), 23.80; 4, Y Bartiasonkova (Mol), 23.94. Heat two: 1, G Malchuguna (Russ), 22.94; 2, C Freeman (Aus), 23.29; 3, E Vocster (SA), 23.43; 4, S Bowen (Can), 23.66; 5, H Joseph (Dominica), 24.29. Heat three: 1, S Knoll (Ger), 23.21; 2, S Troger (Austria), 23.66; 3, S Hemesmeni (Fin), 23.69; 4, G Nkoma (Cam), 23.97. Heat four: 1, L Jardim (Por), 23.45; 2, N Voronova (Russ), 23.45; 3, G Torrence (US), 23.46; 4, J Postman (Hol), 23.53; 5, J Stoute (GB), 23.83. Heat five: 1, M-J Perec (Fr), 23.04; 2, D Duhaney (Jam), 23.29; 3, D Young (US), 23.43; 4, P Mensah (Ghana), 23.67; 5, H Samuel (Ant), 24.01. Heat six: 1, M Onyali (Nigeria), 23.21; 2, F Pendarova (Bul), 23.39; 3, M Finn (US), 23.83; 4, P Daws (Bah), 24.10; 5, D Kymakou (Cyp), 24.47. Heat seven: 1, Wang Huoi-chon (Twn), 23.30; 2, I Privalova (Russ), 23.39; 3, E De Klerk (SA), 23.43; 4, M Azarashvili (Geo), 23.68.

Second round

First four in each heat qualify for semi-finals

HEAT ONE: 1, M Onyali (Nigeria) 22.74; 2, I Privalova (Russ) 22.80; 3, P Daws (Bah) 23.01; 4, M Finn (US) 23.24; 5, W Huoi-chon (Twn) 23.32; 6, K Merry (GB), 23.46; 7, Y Steyn (SA), 23.90; 8, H Samuel (Ant) 24.32.

HEAT TWO: 1, M Otley (Jamaica), 22.81; 2, E De Klerk (SA), 22.88; 3, N Voronova (Russ), 22.94; 4, S Knoll (Ger), 23.04; 5, S Troger (Austria), 23.17; 6, S Hemesmeni (Fin), 23.24; 7, G Nkoma (Cam), 23.66; 8, J Stoute (GB), 23.95.

3,000 metres

Final

1, O Yunxia (China), 8min 26.71sec; 2, Z Lirli (China), 8.29.25; 3, Z Lirong (China), 8.31.95; 4, S O'Sullivan (Ire), 8.33.38; 5, A Wyeh (GB), 8.38.42; 6, Y Romanova (Russ), 8.39.69; 7, P Radcliffe (GB), 8.40.40; 8, L Borisova (Russ), 8.40.78; 9, Y Murray (GB), 8.43.46; 10, A Peters (US), 8.45.56; 11, Y Kopylova (Russ), 8.50.69; 12, C Loker (Ger), 8.51.35; 13, A Sandell (Fin), 8.53.59; 14, L Zacuc (Rom), 9.01.38; 15, E Kiptagat (Ken), 9.07.05.

400 metres hurdles

Semi-finals

First two in each heat plus two fastest losers overall qualify for final

HEAT ONE: 1, S Gunnell (GB), 53.95; 2, T Buford (US) 54.38; 3, H Meissner (Ger), 54.64; 4, A Knoroz (Russ), 55.12; 5, T Kurochkina (Belarus), 55.64; 6, D A Pars (Jam), 55.80; 7, S Pachut (Pol), 58.31; 8, N Carutasu (Rom), 56.81.

HEAT, TWO: 1, M Ponomaryova (Russ), 53.71; 2, K Batton (US), 54.20; 3, N Torshina (Kaz), 54.53; 4, R Edeh (Can), 54.53; 5, S Reger (Ger), 54.90; 6, M Wostan (Swe), 55.88; 7, A Magnhour (Sw), 56.14; 8, J Parker (GB), 56.68.

HEAT THREE: 1, S Farmer-Patrick (US), 53.58; 2, D Hemmings (Jam), 54.12; 3, T Ledovskaya (Belarus), 54.60; 4, O Nazarova (Russ), 55.51; 5, G Reichelan (GB), 55.96; 6, D Duzney (Can), 56.16; 7, F Johansson (Swe), 56.48; 8, L Uys (SA), 57.40.

Discus

Qualifying

62.50 metres or best twelve qualify for final

QUALIFIERS: Group one: 1, I Wyludda (Ger), 64.08; 2, Min Chunfang (China), 63.56; 3, O Bucova (Russ), 63.44; 4, D Costain (Aus), 62.52; 5, N Grasu (Rom), 62.28; 6, B Echevarria (Cuba), 61.60.

Group two: 1, M Marten (Cuba), 63.66; 2, A Gundler (Ger), 62.82; 3, Qiu Qiaoping (China), 62.32; 4, F Dietzsch (Ger), 61.66; 5, L Mikhalchenko (Ukr), 61.56; 6, V Malatova (Cz), 61.22.

Heptathlon

Second day

(100m hurdles, high jump, shot, 200m, long jump, javelin)

Standings after six events: 1, S Braun (Ger), 5,944 (13.25, 1.90, 14.62, 24.12, 6.54, 53.44); 2, J Joyner-Kersee (US), 5,937pts (12.83sec, 1.81m, 14.36m, 23.19sec, 7.04m, 43.76); 3, S Buraga (Belarus), 5,723 (12.95, 1.84, 14.55, 23.68, 6.58, 41.04); 4, L Nikitina (Russ), 5,624 (13.73, 1.84, 15.38, 24.52, 6.36, 46.82); 5, S Dimitrova (Bul), 5,595 (12.85, 1.80, 15.46, 23.10, 6.32, 47.02); 5, K Carter (US), 4,783 (13.62, 1.64, 15.41, 24.25, 6.08, 36.84); 6, U Wlodarczyk (Pol), 5,547 (13.41, 1.81, 14.00, 24.14, 6.52, 42.64); 7, J Hemmerg (Aus), 5,477 (13.08, 1.75, 14.03, 23.49, 6.21, 42.12); 8, R Ifianca (Hun), 5,332 (13.88, 1.78, 14.32, 24.86, 6.26, 46.30); 9 B Clarius (Ger), 5,376 (13.74, 1.81, 15.46, 25.14, 5.64, 50.14); 10, T Dobrowskaya (Belarus), 5,375 (13.47, 1.81, 12.66, 23.85, 6.08, 43.52)

Today is a rest day

TODAY'S SPORTS

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

European Cup

Preliminary round, first leg

Cwmbran Town v Cork City (7.0) .....
Dynamo Tbilisi (Geo) v Linfield (5.0)

European Cup Winners' Cup

Preliminary round, first leg

Bangor v Apoel Nicosia (Cyp) (6.30)
Karpaty Lvov (Ukr) v Shelbourne (3.0)

FA Carling Premiership

Blackburn v Norwich (7.45) .....
Coventry v Newcastle (7.45, all ticket) .....
Manchester Utd v Sheffield Utd (8.0)
QPR v Liverpool (7.45) .....
Sheffield Wed v Aston Villa (7.45) .....
Swindon v Cidham (7.45) .....

Endsleigh Insurance League

First division

Nottingham Forest v Derby .....

Coca-Cola Cup

First round, first leg

Bristol Rovers v West Brom (8.0) .....
Reading v Northampton (7.45) .....
Southend v Barnet (7.45) .....
Stoke v Mansfield (7.45) .....

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0 unless stated) First division: Sunderland v Bolton Wolverhampton v Everton. Second division: Blackpool v Mansfield; Huddersfield v Hull; Manchester City v Preston (6.45). Post Vale v Barnsley; Rotherham v Tranmere, West Bromwich v Bradford.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Brighton v Oxford Utd (7.15); Charlton v Southampton, Ipswich v Watford; Luton v West Ham (2.0). Second division: Bournemouth v Birmingham (2.0); Cardiff v Cheltenham; Exeter v Yeovil (7.0); Hereford v Plymouth; Swansea v Torquay (7.0)

CARLING NORTH-WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Nantwich v Burscough; Penrith v Clitheroe, St Helens v Chadderton.

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of two): Camborne: Cornwall v Herefordshire. Bovey Tracey: Devon v Oxfordshire. Jesmond: Northumberland v Suffolk. Fenner's (first day of two): Cambridgeshire v Bedfordshire.

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Chelmsford: Essex v Lancashire. Hinckley: Leicestershire v Gloucestershire. Northampton: Northamptonshire v Surrey. Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Kent. Taunton: Somerset v Middlesex. Hove: Sussex v Glamorgan, Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Durham, York: Yorkshire v Worcestershire.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: EBA national championships (Worthing).

GOLF: British women's stroleplay championship (Gullane).

SPEEDWAY: British League: Division 1B: Poole v Ipswich (7.30). Division 2B: Long Eaton v Edinburgh (7.30).

TENNIS: Midland Bank British junior championships (Nottingham).

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Tottenham Hotspur 0, Arsenal 1.

COCA-COLA CUP: First round, first leg: Doncaster Rovers 0, Blackpool 1.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Chelsea 3, Swindon 0.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York 6, Cincinnati 2.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Toronto 4, Cleveland 1; Detroit 7, California 2; Oakland 4, Milwaukee 1; Seattle 8, Baltimore 6.

BOWLS

WORTHING: Senatogen EBA national championships: Pairs: Second round: Atherley bt Sandy Conservatives, 18-15; Totnes bt Marlborough: Ipswich, 22-18, Denham (K Smith) bt Portland, 21-10; Droitwich Vines Park bt Bristol St George, 20-15, Erdington Court bt Knighton Victoria, 23-18, Brackley bt Aldershaw, 21-17; Wealdstone bt Hamden Park, 24-13; Bolton bt Hereford, 21-20; Blackheath and Greenwich bt Solihull Municipal, 29-22, Brixton bt Gorston, 25-13, Plymouth CS bt Lecoster, 23-20; Leominster bt Summerhill, 24-10; Alexandra Park bt Southampton, 23-21; South London bt Finchley, 29-20; Trentham bt Welshpool, 24-13, Denham (D Killick) bt Wigton, 18-17. Third round: Totnes bt Atherley Southampton, 25-9; Denham (K Smith) bt Droitwich Vines Park, 24-18; Erdington Court bt Brackley and District, 21-15; Bolton bt Wealdstone, 21-11; Blackheath and Greenwich bt Brixton, Kidderminster, 20-15; Plymouth Civil Service bt Leominster, 23-16; South London bt Alexandra Park, 19-12; Denham (D Killick) bt Trentham, 22-19.

CYCLING

TOUR OF THE NETHERLANDS: First stage: 1, W Nelissen (Bel), 3hr 32min 42sec; 2, E Leoni (It); 3, F Moncassin (Fr); 4, F Baldato (It), 5, O Ludwig (Ger); 6, U Raab (Ger), all same time.

GOLF

PATSHULL PARK: Golf Foundation Weetabix age group championships: Finals: Leading first-round scores. Boys: Under-16: 71: C Williams (Glamorgan). 72: K Godfrey (St Enodoc). Under-15: 72: S Young (Sidcup). 76: P Staniland (Warley). Under-14: 73: K Wilson (Troon St Meddans). 74: J Rose (North Herts). Under-13: 76: S Godfrey (St Enodoc), S McTernan (Co Sligo). 78: N Reynolds (Wrotshunck, Cardiff). Girls: Under-16: 78: K Wrigglesworth (Holmsea). 79: G Nutter (Prestwich), G Dowling (Pennarporth). Under-15: 76: R Hudson (Wheatley) 84: N Bracey (Truro). Under-14: 84: L Walters (Ormonde Fields). 87: P Mackey (Golspie).

NAPERVILLE, Illinois: Women's tournament: Final leading scores (US unless stated): 272: C Schreyer, 67, 68, 66, 71. 273: E King, 67, 67, 67, 72. 275: G Graham (Can), 67, 73, 67, 68. 276: D Eggelling, 68, 71, 67, 70; K Monaghan, 68, 68, 70, 71; M Figueras Dotti (Sp), 69, 65, 71, 71. 278: A Finney, 67, 71, 71, 69; D Mochrie, 69, 66, 71, 72. British score: 291: P Wright, 68, 70, 75, 78.

TENNIS

INDIANAPOLIS: Men's tournament: First round (US unless stated): A Chesnokov (Russ) bt T Engsler (Swe), 6-2, 6-4; D Wheaton bt F Clavet (Sp), 6-4, 6-2; A Chartesov (Russ) bt M Pernfors (Swe), 6-4, 7-6; F Santoro (Fr) bt K Carlsen (Den), 6-2, 6-4; J Aries bt J Baron, 6-2, 6-2; M Zocke (Ger) bt J Stollenberg (Aus), 6-3, 6-2; P Rolter (Aus) bt G Rusedola (Can), 4-6, 6-0, 6-1; J Yzaga (Peru) bt D Witt, 6-3, 6-0; A Schalkar (Can) bt G Raoux (Fr), 6-4, 6-2; T Carbonell (Sp) bt D Buss, 7-6, 6-2; D Rostagno bt G Pozzi (It), 6-1, 6-4; J Terango bt N Kulti (Swe), 6-7, 6-4, 6-4; J Oncins (Br) bt J Palmer, 6-1, 6-4.

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut: Men's tournament: First round: D Vacek (Cz) bt S Cortes (Chile), 7-5, 6-1; M Damm (Cz) bt J Balsa (ESP), 7-5, 3-6, 6-3; C Woodruff (US) bt M Joyce (US), 0-6, 6-4, 6-2; C van Rensburg (SA) bt R Weiss (US), 7-6, 6-7, 6-1; J Rezanbrink (Ger) bt Thome (US), 6-4, 6-2.

TORONTO: Canadian Open women's tournament: First round: N Tauziat (Fr) bt C Suire (Fr), 6-2, 6-0; K Maleeva (Bul) bt N Baudone (It), 6-3, 7-5; N Sawamatsu (Japan) bt L Nolland (Lat), 6-1, 2-6, 6-0; P Hy (Can) bt E Brioukhovets (Ukr), 6-2, 6-7, 6-3; C Rubin (US) bt M Bebel (Ger), 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; M Werdel (US) bt S Testud (Fr), 6-3, 6-2; R Dragomir (Rom) bt E Makarova (Russ), 7-6, 6-2; G Helgeson (US) bt M Drake (Can), 6-3, 6-2; I Kalasi (Can) bt P Paradis-Mangon (Fr), 6-4, 6-2; N Medeiros (Lat) bt Y Basuki (Indo), 5-7, 6-2, 6-3; R Niederer (US) bt P Fendick (US), 1-6, 6-4, 6-4; B Schulz (Neth) bt B Reinar (Ger), 7-5, 7-6; L Golarsa (It) bt J Byrne (Aus), 6-2, 6-3; A Grossman (US) bt T Price (SA), 6-2, 6-3; I Majoli (Cro) bt M Geldano (Arg), 6-1, 6-3; R Dragomir (Rom) bt E Makarova (Russ), 7-6, 6-2.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Wolverhampton 73, Poole 35; Reading 60, King's Lynn 48. Second division: Exeter 51, Middlesbrough 56.

SQUASH

BSPA BRITISH CHALLENGE: Norwich final: P Marshall bt C Walker, 15-10, 15-8, 15-8 (Marshall leads best-of-five series 2-1).

SHOOTING

BISLEY: National smallbore rifle championships: Adlington Challenge Bowl (class: X 50m): 1, G Wilson (Stirling R), 397; 2, R Wigger (US), 396; 3, G Haworth (Odiord), 395. Johnson Alpha Trophy (class A): M Holland (Beverley), 391. Johnson Beta Trophy (class B): 1, H Riley (Wimbledon Park), 394. Johnson Gamma Trophy (class C): K Murray (Bookham), 392. Johnson Delta Trophy (class D): S Jackson (Keeby), 387. Leicester and Rutland Trophy (class X 100 yds): 1, C Brunetta (US), 393; 2, D Gilmore (Wandsworth), 391; 3, W Murray (Chobham), 390. Power Palmer Cup (class A): G Mecarty (Croydon), 385. Eyre Memorial Cup (class B): M Long (Portslade), 390. Player Cup (class C): J Gratton (Plymouth Electricity), 383. Times Cup (class D): 1, D Brooks (Basildon), 386; 2, G Thorn (Sunderland), 379; 3, T Melyon (Meadow), 378.

NOTTINGHAM: Midland Bank national junior championships: Under-18 singles: Boys: Second round: M Powell (Notts) bt A Moran (Oxon), 6-7, 7-5, 6-0; M Ratcliffe (Northumberland) bt P Jessop (Staffs), 6-1, 6-0; J Williams (Middlesex) bt C Andess (Lancs), 6-0, 6-1; B McIver (N Scot) bt S O'Connor (Durham and Cleveland), 7-5, 6-3; M Ingham (Lancs) bt O Hadden (N Scot), 6-2, 6-2; J Hind (Kent) bt H Soma (Middlesex), 6-2, 6-3; R Clarke (Leics) bt J Buswell (Northants), 6-1, 6-4; J Spender (Cornwall) bt M Wodley (Warwicks), 6-3, 6-2; T Spinks (Norfolk) bt B Webber (Cambs), 6-3, 4-6, 6-0; G Jones (Kent) bt J Cross (Channel Is), 2-6, 6-0, 6-4; M Coombs (Essex) bt P Harrison (Derbys), 6-3, 6-3; J Fox (Lincs) bt A Hill (Cheshire), 6-1, 6-3; L Milligan (Middlesex) bt V Sundaram (Lancs), 6-2, 7-6; A Ostemeth (Kent) bt J Trotman (Suffolk), 6-2, 6-2; R Evans (Herts) bt J Monk (Sussex), 6-0, 6-3; M Stocks (Norfolk) bt M Walthead (Lincs), 7-6, 6-4.

Girls: Second round: L Jelfs (Oxon) bt G Mewett (Sussex), 6-4, 6-0; S Donovan (Herts) bt J Choudhury (Cambs), 6-4, 6-0; K Hughes (Leics) bt S Tse (IoM), 4-6, 7-6, 6-2; Z Mellis (Essex) bt J Dawson (Sussex), 6-1, 7-6; *I Wyatt (Oxon) bt C Reid (Surrey)*, 6-2, 6-1; K Warne-Holland (Cheshire) bt R Andors (Lancs), 6-1, 6-0; J McMahon (Sussex) bt C Lyle (Warwicks), 6-1, 6-2; T Croson (Derbys) bt C Drummond (Notts), 6-0, 6-1; A Green (Suffolk) bt R McArdle (Durham Cleveland), 3-6, 6-2, 6-2; C Taylor (Oxon) bt F D'Amelio (Beds), 6-2, 6-3; J Duncan (N Scot) bt J Fitzgerald (Cheshire), 6-4, 6-4; J Ward (Durham and Cleveland) bt F Lishman (Northumberland), 3-6, 6-3 8-6; H Matthews (Berks) bt K Webster (Derbys), 6-2, 6-0; M Miller (Yorks) bt L Austin (Sussex), 6-1, 6-2; M Hughes (N Wales) bt N Burns (West of Scotland), 6-2, 6-1; E Smith (Wilts) bt L Fletcher (Durham and Cleveland), 6-3, 6-1.

COMPANY GOLF DAY RESULTS

Aug 9 KFJ Selection/Technical Contract Services Dunblane
1. P Kinloch, 37;
2. F Ferguson, 22;
3. G Campbell, 35;
Top Guest: B Storie, 35
Aggregate score: 129

Aug 9 The National Grid Company Plc Kings Norton
1. D Dodge, 37;
2. G Connor, 37;
3. I Cartledge, 36.
Top Guest: D Stewart, 35
Aggregate score: 145

Aug 11 Barclays Life Assurance Company Ltd Hawkstone Park
1. L Marin, 35;
2. J Amin, 35;
3. B Cook, 34;
4. B Edmondson, 34
Aggregate score: 138

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

DELEATUR
(b) A written direction or mark on a printed proof-sheet directing something to be struck out or omitted, usually signified by the lower case Greek letter delta, from the Latin "let it be deleted", the third singular present subjunctive passive of *delere* to blot out, delete. 1602: "We pervert the ancient Fathers with the censure of *deleatur* when any sentence lyketh us not."

ETACISM
(a) The Erasmian pronunciation of the Greek long "e" or ēta, to rhyme with *may*, as distinguished from the Reuchlinian or modern Greek pronunciation to rhyme with *wee*: "The Erasmian mode of pronunciation is also called etacism, with *a* as in *hate*."

SPOORER
(a) One who follows an animal, etc., by its trace or trail, a tracker, from the Afrikaans/Dutch *spoor*, OE *spor* the trace, track or trail of a person or animal: "Several of the spoorers affirmed that they had heard the elephants break a tree in advance."

STUBBARD
(c) An early codling apple, probably from the South-West, variants *stubberd* and *stibbert*, perhaps from somebody's surname, "Q" [Quiller-Couch]. *Delectable Duchy* 1893: "This there's a stubbard apple you've got in your hand."

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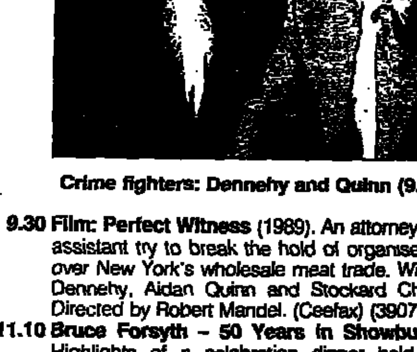
BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (46963)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (44341692)
9.05 Dragonfly. Nature programme (5332505) **9.30 White Horses** Robin and Louella Henbury-Tenison travel to the Camargue to purchase two white horses and ride them back to Cornwall (r) (90627)
10.00 News (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (1897654) **10.05 An Up and Down Season**. The fortunes of Oldham Athletic FC (2158215) **10.35 The Flintstones**. Cartoon (r) (4280302)
11.00 News (Ceefax). Regional news and weather (8274741) **11.05 Knots Landing**. American drama serial (r) (9959437) **11.50 Town Portraits**. Sunderland (r) (7032708)
12.00 News (Ceefax). Regional news and weather (5590296) **12.05 Man on the Rim: The Peopling of the Pacific** How migrants from Asia adapted to conditions in South America (1133514) **12.55 Regional news** and weather (71222302)
1.00 News (Ceefax) Weather (11944)
1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (80976128) **1.50 Going for Gold**. General knowledge quiz (s) (80970944)
2.15 Hawaii Five-O. Steve McGarrett leads his team against a master criminal, Wo Fat (r) (4255050)
3.05 Bazaar. Claire Rayner talks about coping with depression (s) (5137166)
3.35 A Big Country. This week the series looks at the popularity of belly dancing in Australia (9932147)
4.10 Children's BBC: The Legend of Prince Valiant (s) (2998789) **4.35 The Really Wild Show**. From Twycross zoo (r) (Ceefax) (s) (3806963) **5.00 Newsround** (2002079) **5.10 Byker Grove**. Children's drama (r). (Ceefax) (3748012)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (108401). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather (673)
6.30 Regional news magazines (925). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Every Second Counts. Paul Daniels asks some tricky questions (s) (8944)
7.30 Doc Martin's Casebook. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (437)
8.00 Police Rescue. Australian action drama series. With Gary Sweet and Sonia Todd. (Ceefax) (356789)
8.50 Points of View with Hilary Kingsley. (Ceefax) (s) (736944)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (4963)

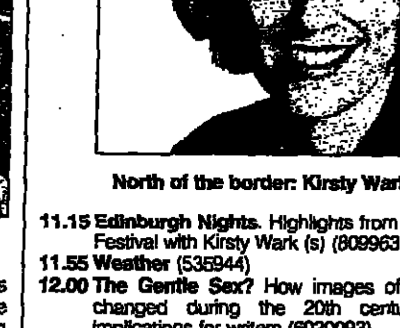


Crime fighters: Dennehy and Quinn (9.30pm)

9.30 Film: Perfect Witness (1989). An attorney and his assistant try to break the hold of organised crime over New York's wholesale meat trade. With Brian Dennehy, Aidan Quinn and Stockard Channing. Directed by Robert Mandel. (Ceefax) (390741)
11.10 Bruce Forsyth – 50 Years in Showbusiness. Highlights of a celebration dinner held at the Dorchester Hotel, London. (Ceefax) (s) (704692). **Northern Ireland:** Cup Winners' Cup Bangor v Apoel; **Wales:** Cwmbran v Cork
11.40 Golf. Great Britain and Ireland v United States of America compete for the Walker Cup, from Minnesota (s) (315924). **Northern Ireland** and **Wales:** 11.45 Bruce Forsyth 12.15am-1.30 Walker Cup golf **12.55am Weather** (6253180)
2.15 BBC Select: Accountancy Television (702136) ***3.15-3.45 Legal Network Television*** (48567)

BBC2

6.45 Open University (8914050)
8.00 Breakfast News (4894857) **8.15 Ghostwriter**. Episode three (r) (s) (1441673) **8.40 Garden Spider**. Nature programme (r) (6327215)
9.05 Hangar 17. Comedy, music and fun (r). (Ceefax) (s) (9982215) **9.25 Ipso Facto** (r) (s) (7906505)
10.05 Playdays (r) (s) (3710963) **10.25 Get Your Own Back** (r) (s) (3796383) **10.50 T 'n' T Japan**. Andi Peters continues his tour of Japan (5292760)
11.00 Film: Hellzapoppin' (1941, b/w) starring Ole Olsen and Chic Johnson. Inspired comedy in which two stage hands conspire to help a playwright with his romance. Directed by H.C. Potter (8584741)
12.20 The Lake. A portrait of Lake Dal, Kashmir (r) (5592654) **12.30 Connellan's Camels**. Story of how aeroplanes replaced camels in Australia's Northern Territory (r) (8246437) **1.20 Forget-Me-Not Farm**. Children's puppets (r) (84664586) **1.35 Exploring Photography** (r) (19126499)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (94476418) **2.05 Holiday Outings** in the Scottish Highlands (r) (94475789) **2.10 The Real Food of China**. A chef dives daily for seafood (r) (14554383) **2.35 CountryFile** with John Craven (s) (3370505)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (1938586) **3.05 Aussies**. The Australian way of life (r) (6094470) **3.50 News** (Ceefax). Weather (1972586)
4.00 Film: The Sins of Rachel Cade (1960). Angie Dickinson plays a missionary nurse in the Belgian Congo With Roger Moore and Peter Finch. Directed by Gordon Douglas (8321)
6.00 Star Trek (r). (Ceefax) (417418)
6.50 Gunsmoke. *A former convict returns home to find his wife has worked hard on the range, unfortunately cutting down the tree that marked the spot where the stolen treasure was hidden* (273296)
7.40 Golf and All Its Glory. The game's origins. (Ceefax) (s) (589895)
8.30 On the Line: The Men in White Coats. An investigation into the hiring, firing and marking of England's cricket umpires (s) (4741)
9.00 The Wednesday Play: Hard Labour (r). See Choice (4837857)
10.10 Call My Agent. A *Late Show* report on the work of theatrical agents (918147)
10.30 Newsnight with Sue Cameron (749857)



North of the border: Kirsty Wark (11.15pm)

11.15 Edinburgh Nights. Highlights from the Edinburgh Festival with Kirsty Wark (s) (809963)
11.55 Weather (535944)
12.00 The Gentle Sex? How images of women have changed during the 20th century, and the implications for writers (6020093)
12.25am The Getting of Judgment. How do student doctors learn about decision-making, and should it be taught as a part of the medical curriculum? (6023180). Ends at **12.55**

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CHOICE

15: The Life and Death of Philip Knight
ITV, 9.00pm

This moving documentary drama describes the agonising two years from 1988 to 1990 leading up to the suicide of a volatile young offender. 15-year-old Philip Knight. Director and producer, Peter Kosminsky, the man responsible for the *Shoot to Kill* programme on the Stalker affair, has attempted to create something just as hard-hitting and controversial here. His difficulty is that there is no one person or body to blame for Knight's death. That there were no secure units in Wales and a disturbed boy ended up in prison is clearly shocking, but there were many other factors, from his rejection by adoptive parents to the confusing messages he received from well-meaning social workers. The acting, especially from Daniel Newman as Knight, is utterly convincing, but as a drama, the programme suffers a little from muddled editing.

As time goes by: David Angus, Ian Hart (C4, 9.00pm)

Summer's Out: The Hours and the Times
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Director Christopher Münch has come up with an original and witty drama on the subject of an imaginary weekend in the life of John Lennon and the Beatles' manager, Brian Epstein. Shot almost in documentary fashion as if by a camera crew of the time, the black and white film takes us to Barcelona, 1963, where Epstein is, in the most genteel way possible, attempting to seduce Lennon. Ian Hart plays Lennon as cocky, flirtatious and very, very young. David Angus's Epstein is more worldly wise but sadder rather than happier because of it. The dialogue is beautifully written, weaving parallels between bull-fighting and the homosexual act, but remaining true to Lennon's gaucheness and Epstein's *politesse*.

The Wednesday Play: Hard Labour
BBC2, 9.00pm

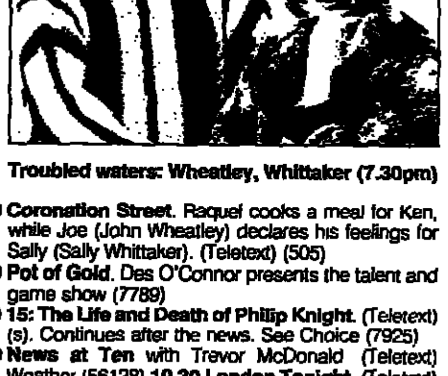
Managing to be both relentlessly grim and wonderfully humorous, this early Mike Leigh play (first broadcast in 1973) is well worth catching. The action is set in the north of England where a working-class family struggles to make a living, never mind whether they are happy. Liz Smith is particularly good as the quiet mother who goes out to clean another woman's house and comes back to clean her own. But there are also terrific performances from Clifford Kershaw as her grumbling husband, Polly Hemingway, as the self-absorbed daughter, Bernard Hill as their son, and a young Alison Steadman as his houseproud and deeply irritating wife. The sad ending in which Liz Smith makes a surprising confession to her bored priest leaves a lasting impression.

Doc Martin's Casebook
BBC1, 7.30pm

Dr Martin Hughes seems to be one of the kindest doctors imaginable, so I suppose it should not be surprising that people open up to him. All the same, it was brave of 52-year-old Colin Ash not only to allow the cameras in on his heart bypass operation but to let them record his bitterness at feeling so much worse after surgery than he did before. A self-confessed coward, Ash had been tempted not to go through with the surgery. Happily, by the end of the programme we see a changed man, who is able to say that it was the best thing he ever did. **Stephanie Billen**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV with Michael Wilson, Eamonn Holmes and Lorraine Kelly (4831234) **9.25 Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers** Animated series (r) (5347437) **9.50 London Today** (2154499)
9.55 Anna – Ballerina Miss Kralova, an internationally acclaimed prima ballerina, takes Anna on as a pupil (r) (s) (5904215) **10.55 News** headlines (6562760)
11.00 James Bond Jr. Cartoon adventures (6589437) **11.25 Win, Lose or Draw** Celebrity game show (6559296) **11.55 London Today** (9197147)
12.00 Cartoon. Donald Duck in *Old MacDonald Duck* (7558654) **12.10 Allsorts** (r) (s) (2243437)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Carol Barnes (Teletext) Weather (8890963) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext). Weather (84689895)
1.15 Home and Away Australian drama (Teletext) (435166) **1.45 A Country Practice**. Australian medical drama (s) (434437)
2.15 Dilly Down Town. Dilly Bramoh celebrates multi-cultural London with a look at buskers playing African and Jamaican music, Caribbean cuisine and the black newspaper, *The Voice* (r) (426418)
2.45 Take the High Road. Scottish drama (3363215)
3.10 ITN News headlines (1949692) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) (1948963) **3.20 The Young Doctors**. Hospital drama series (2643499)
3.50 Children's ITV: Cartoon Bugs Bunny in *Rabbit of Seville* (4919215) **3.55 Scooby Doo** Cartoon adventures (r) (6824123) **4.20 How 2** (r) (2801031) **4.40 Spatz**. Children's drama (r) (4994169)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (2085692)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Teletext) Weather (657857)
6.00 London Tonight. (Teletext) (74012)
7.00 Fantastic Facts. Jonathan Ross presents strange but true stories from around the world. Including a pair of electrically heated underpants, an office on a bicycle, a burglar identified by his footprints and a Tasmanian dog wedding (s) (3012)

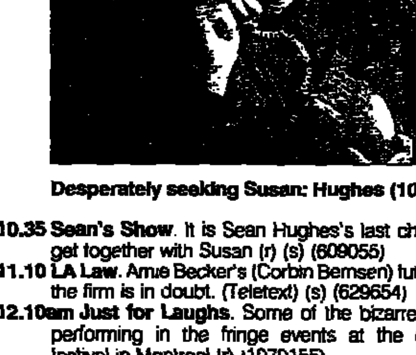


Troubled waters: Wheatley, Whittaker (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street. Raquel cooks a meal for Ken, while Joe (John Wheatley) declares his feelings for Sally (Sally Whittaker). (Teletext) (505)
8.00 Pot of Gold. Des O'Connor presents the talent and game show (7789)
9.00 15: The Life and Death of Philip Knight. (Teletext) (s). Continues after the news. See Choice (7925)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald (Teletext) Weather (56128) **10.30 London Tonight**. (Teletext) and weather (349789)
10.40 15: The Life and Death of Philip Knight continued (78857586)
12.15am Film: Do Not Fold, Spindle or Mutilate (1971). Entertaining murder mystery in which four elderly women invent a fictional girl and register her with a computer dating agency. Unfortunately their invention is matched with a maniac. Starring Myrna Loy, Helen Hayes, Sylvia Sidney and Mildred Natwick. Directed by Ted Post (4481068)
1.30 Entertainment UK. Arts magazine (s) (48432)
2.30 America's Top Ten. Music charts (s) (27600)
3.00 The Little Picture Show. Mariella Frostrup reviews video releases, including Clint Eastwood in *Unforgiven* and Jack Nicholson in *Hoffa* (r) (65155)
4.00 60 Minutes. American news (r) (89277)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (79426)
5.30 ITN Morning News (64987). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Heathcliff (1951418) **6.45 Ovide** (1167673)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (34895)
9.00 Saved by the Bell American high school comedy (66505) **9.30 Star Street**. Animation based on the signs of the zodiac (r) (2813147) **9.55 Kid 'n' Play** Cartoon fun (r) (2821166)
10.25 Kelly. More adventures with the smart police dog (r) (2164876) **10.55 The Adventures of Tintin**. Part two of *Prisoners of the Sun* (r) (7380352)
11.20 The Henderson Kids. Australian family drama (r) (6581895) **11.50 Hello**. Close encounters of the animated kind (r) (7025418)
12.00 High 5. Sporting action with snowboarding stars Tergei Hawkinson and Craig Kelly (46741)
12.30 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series with guest Cab Calloway (r) (65429)
1.30 The Herbs. Puppet fun with Parsley the lion (77146012)
1.45 Foofur. Animated adventures of a dog and his friends (77174895)
2.00 Racing from York, introduced by Brough Scott. Live coverage of the **2.05** Rous Selling Stakes. **2.35** Aston Upthorpe Yorkshire Oaks; **3.10** Tote Ebor Handicap; **3.45** Scottish Equitable Gimcrack Stakes; and the **4.15** Roses Stakes (544609)
4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley hosts the letters and numbers game. With Jenny Hanley in the Dictionary Corner (418)
5.00 A Blink of Paradise A short film about a woman's obsessions, and her troubled memories of her mother. With Martha Plimpton (7795760)
5.15 Film: The Mark of Zorro (1940, b/w). *Tyrone Power stars as a Spanish-educated grandee who returns to his native California. In true swashbuckling style he becomes a daring masked bandit to rid the country of tyranny. With Linda Darnell and Basil Rathbone Directed by Rouben Mamoulian* (36923789)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Zeinab Badawi and Shahnaz Pakravan. (Teletext) Weather (896514)
7.50 Comment (604586)
8.00 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (9942)
8.30 The Thing Is . . . An Interview. Paul Morley asks Brian Eno Who is Brian Eno? Was he in Roxy Music? Did he produce U2, Talking Heads and David Bowie? Or is he a postman from Suffolk (r) (9437)
9.00 Film: The Hours and the Times (1992). (Teletext) See Choice (6889499)
10.05 The Golden Palace. Comedy set in a Miami hotel. During the hotel's re-opening celebrations, a food critic dies after tasting a meal. (Teletext) (s) (376012)



Desperately seeking Susan: Hughes (10.35pm)

10.35 Sean's Show. It is Sean Hughes's last chance to get together with Susan (r) (s) (609055)
11.10 LA Law. Arnie Becker's (Corbin Bernsen) future with the firm is in doubt. (Teletext) (s) (629654)
12.10am Just for Laughs. Some of the bizarre people performing in the fringe events at the comedy festival in Montreal (r) (1070155)
1.40 Film: Dupetta (1952, b/w). Starting a season of films starring one of Asia's most popular actors, Noor Jehan. A plastic surgeon, visited by a woman whose husband has been disfigured in a car accident, tells a moral tale. With Ajay Kumar Sudhir. In Urdu with English subtitles. Directed by S. Fazli (392971). Ends at **3.25**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.25am C.O.P.S. (5347437) **1.05pm-1.15** Anglia News (84689895) **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (426418) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2085692) **6.00** Home and Away (437296) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (302147) **10.30-10.40** Anglia News (349789) **12.15am** Film, Ngaio Marsh Mystery: Died in the Wool (941180) **1.55** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6594180) **2.30** 60 Minutes (9046906) **3.25** Cue the Music (8793890) **4.25** Night Shift (86258797) **4.30** Riviera (33608971) **4.55** Jobfinder (6734884)

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.25am Disney's Sports Special (5347437) **1.05pm** Central News (84689895) 1.15 A Country Practice (435166) **1.45** Home and Away (434437) **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (426418) **3.20-3.50** Deepwater Haven (2643499) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2085692) **6.00** Home and Away (437296) **6.25-7.00** Central News (302147) **10.30-10.40** Central News (349789) **12.15am** Central Sports Special (7648161) *1.00-1.30* Cloughie's Golden Oldies (90451) **2.30** Stage Three (48906) **3.30** BPM (43451) **4.30** Central Jobfinder '93 (5841364) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (9788722)

HTV WEST
As London except: 9.25am Zorro (5347437) **1.05pm-1.15** HTV News (84689895) **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (426418) **6.00** HTV News (741) **6.30-7.00** The West Country Game (321) **10.30-10.40** HTV News (349789) **12.15am** Film: Died in the Wool (408168) **1.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (8886762) **2.30** 60 Minutes (9046906) **3.25** Cue the Music (8793890) **4.25** Night Shift (86258797) **4.30** Riviera (33608971) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (6734884)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 1.05pm-1.15 HTV Wales News and Weather (84689895) **6.00** Wales at Six (741) **6.30-7.00** Foley Square (321) **10.30-10.40** HTV Wales News and Weather (349789) **1.55am-2.30** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6594180)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 9.25am The Haunted School (5347437) **1.05pm-1.15** Meridian News and Weather (84689895) **2.15-2.45** Right or Wrong (426418) **3.20-3.50** All Together Now (2643499) **5.37-5.40** Boredom Busters (195706) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (741) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (321) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News and Weather (349789) **5.00am-5.30** Freescreen (79426)

TYNE-TEES
As London except: 9.25am C.O.P.S. (5347437) **1.05pm** Tyne Tees News (24541532) **1.10-1.15** Where the Jobs Are (27791055) **2.15-2.45** Yan Can Cook (426418) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (747609) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (321) **10.30-10.40** Tyne Tees News (349789) **12.15am** Film: Deadly Deception (671819) **2.00** Hollywood Report (11093) **2.30** Videofashion (27600) **3.00** Transworld Sport (65155) **4.00** Raw Power (89277) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (79426)

ULSTER
As London except: 9.25am C.O.P.S. (5347437) **1.05pm-1.15** UTV Live (84689895) **2.15** Movies, Games and Videos (14580708) **2.40-2.45** Witness (5102470) **3.15** UTV Live (1948963) **3.20-3.50** Blockbusters (2643499) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six (74012) **10.30-10.40** UTV Live (349789) **12.15am** Film: Ngaio Marsh Mystery: Died in the Wool (941180) **1.55** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6594180) **2.30** 60 Minutes (9046906) **3.25** Cue the Music (8793890) **4.25** Night Shift (86258797) **4.30** Riviera (33608971) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (6734884)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 9.25am The Haunted School (5347437) **9.50-9.55 Westcountry Latest** (2154499) **11.55-12.00am Westcountry Latest** (9197147) **1.05pm-1.15** Westcountry Latest (84689895) **1.45** The Young Doctors (434437) **2.15-2.45** Westcountry Focus (426418) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (2643499) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (74012) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry Latest (349789) **12.15am** Film: Died in the Wool (941180) **1.55** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6594180) **2.30** 60 Minutes (9046906) **3.25** Cue the Music (8793890) **4.25** Night Shift (17615529) **4.40** Riviera (20015800) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (6734884)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 9.25am C.O.P.S. (5347437) **1.05pm-1.15** Calendar News (84689895) **2.15-2.45** Yan Can Cook (426418) **5.55** Calendar (747609) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (321) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News (349789) **12.15am** Film: Deadly Deception (671819) **2.00** Hollywood Report (11093) **2.30** Videofashion (27600) **3.00** Trans World Sport (65155) **4.00** Raw Power (89277) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (79426)

S4C
Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (34895) **9.00** Saved by the Bell (66505) **9.30** Star Street (2813147) **9.55** Kid 'n' Play (6050050) **10.20** Kelly (3722708) **10.45** The Adventures of Tintin (4279296) **11.10** The Henderson Kids (2879483) **11.35** Teletoons (2470654) **12.30pm** Sesame Street (65429) **1.30** A Different World (96234) **2.00** Channel 4 Racing (544609) **4.30** The Secret Life of Machines (418) **5.00** Countdown (1418) **5.30** Brookside (470) **6.00** News (813692) **6.10** Heno (491470) **7.00** Jacpot (1654) **7.30** Credo (147) **8.00** Glan Hafren (9942) **8.30** *News* (570215) **8.55** Film: A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum (66821128) **10.45** Hwyr Nau Hwyrach (762708) *11.30 Desert Hearts* (585302)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.10am Cartoons (6287913) **6.20** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (1065296) **6.50** The DJ Kat Show (13669578) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (40079) **10.00** Card Sharks (6011079) **10.25** Concentration (7933789) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (8016465) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (40470) **12.00** E Street (95031) **12.30pm** Three's Company (44895) **1.00** Falcon Crest (32050) **2.00** Once An Eagle (8493437) **2.55** Another World (2999760) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (5155789) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (9215) **6.00** Games World (3741) **6.30** E Street (7321) **7.00** Rescue (1924) **7.30** Full House (3505) **8.00** Hunter (58499) **9.00** Picket Fences (71963) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (74050) **11.00-12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (61963)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (1549925) **9.30** ABC Nightline (52401) **10.30** Fashion TV (33437) **11.30** Business Report (97031) **12.30pm** Business Report (64925) **1.30** CBS This Morning (65654) **2.30** Fashion TV (91296) **3.30** ABC Nightline (24895) **4.30** Business Report (3578) **5.00** Live at Five (335050) **7.30** Fashion TV (1147) **9.30** Talkback (90857) **11.30** CBS News (88673) **12.30am** ABC News (26451) **1.30** CBS News (95364) **2.30** Those Were the Days (18364) **3.30** CBS *News* (20109) **4.30** *Target* (22906) **5.30** CBS News (22971)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (3636983)
10.00 Conagher (1991): Sam Elliott and Katharine Ross in the wild west (15383)
12.00 Vanishing Wilderness. (1974). Rare and splendid inhabitants of the American wilds (47895)
2.00pm Flight of the Doves (1971): Ron Moody and Dorothy McGuire star in a story of family strife (65302)
4.00 Mysterious Island (1961). Adventure on a strange tropical island (4147)
8.00 Shattered (1991) Tom Berenger suffers from amnesia after a car crash. Greta Scacchi stars as his scheming wife. (57383)
10.00 Deadline (1992): An erring husband causes a prostitute's death (60906)
11.30 Zandalee (1990): A steamy love-triangle with Nicholas Cage (10465)
1.30am Ghoulies 2 (1988): The slimy beasts join a failing carnival (68495364)
3.45 Whatever Happened to Baby Jane (1991) A retelling of the classic thriller with Lynn and Vanessa Redgrave as the obsessed sisters (510906) Ends at **5.20**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Sergeant York (1941, b/w): Gary Cooper in first world war drama (21220128)
8.15 Inspector Clouseau (1968). Alan Arkin as the bumbling detective (42965873)
10.00 Rambo: First Blood Part 2: Sylvester Stallone returns (280050). Ends at **11.35**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am City Beneath the Sea (1970). Life in an underwater colony (50876)
8.00 Around the World in 80 Days: Animated adventure (89741)
9.00 Rob Roy: Animated story of the Scottish hero (94012)
10.00 Jetsons: The Movie (1990): Animated adventures of space-age family (13925)
12.00 Meeting Venus (1991) Glenn Close is the soprano caught up in the intrigues of a Paris opera house (45437)
2.00pm Loose Connections (1983): A sparring match for Lindsay Duncan (63944)
4.00 Around the World in 80 Days (as 8am) (26925)
5.00 Rob Roy (as 9am) (2925)
6.00 Problem Child 2 (1991): John Ritter moves to a new town (83708)
8.00 Crooked Hearts (1991). Peter Berg in a story of family tragedy (55925)
10.00 White Palace (1990): James Spader falls in love with an unsuitable older woman. With Susan Sarandon (194654)
11.45 Hometown Boy Makes Good (1989). A boy is forced to admit the truth when his mother plans to visit (742760)
1.20am Red Wind (1991) Lisa Hartman is embroiled in violence and deceit (651093)
2.55 Nightmare on the 13th Floor (1990): A writer discovers a hotel's dark secrets (1666529). Ends at **4.20**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (3551692) **7.15** Prime Bodies (239944) **7.45** Windsurfing (238215) **8.15** Soccer News (4014470) **8.30** Baseball (18321). **9.00** Prime Bodies (49463) **9.30** World Team Pool (46031) **10.30** Cycling (49447) **11.00** Trucks 'n' Tractor Power (82505) **11.30** Motorsport (40147) **12.30pm** The Football Show (45692) **2.00** The Boss (8128) **2.30** Baseball (14302) **4.00** Baseball Report (1708) **4.30** High Five (7532) **5.00** Motor World (2708) **5.30** Sportsworld (1944) **6.00** Soccer News (539876) **6.15** Horse Racing — Live from Kempton and Hereford (41284789) **8.00** Ringside (36465) **10.00** Soccer News (440296) **10.15** Netbusters (478079) **10.30** Australian Rugby League — The Winfield Cup (33708) **12.30-1.00am** Motor World (31109)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (60050) **8.30** Athletics (10789) **9.00** Cycling (3394079) **12.30** Athletics (30760) **2.00** Tennis (86942) **4.00** Triathlon (68925) **5.00** Cycling (964586) **7.30** News (3789) **8.00** Motor Racing Magazine (28895) **9.00** Athletics (98166) **10.30** Boxing (79012) **11.30** Eurofun (52741) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (47258)

UK GOLD
7.00am Jem (1469811) **7.30** Neighbours (8439596) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1407944) **8.30** EastEnders (1408215) **9.00** The Bill (1420895) **9.30** Moon and Son (1128586) **10.30** Big Deal (2318418) **11.30** Rhode (8085673) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (1400031) **12.30pm** Neighbours (5204944) **1.00** EastEnders (2639352) **1.30** *The Bill* (5203215) **2.00** It Ain't Half Hot, Mum (1754302) **2.30** Citizen Smith (5328316) **3.00** Dallas (8096769) **4.00** Dynasty (8075296) **5.00** Blankety Blank (1745654) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (1726352) **6.00** Neighbours (4978875) **6.30** Moon and Son (6082586) **7.30** It Ain't Half Hot, Mum (8822449) **8.00** EastEnders (1774168) **8.30** Citizen Smith (1753673) **9.00** Big Deal (1709166) **10.00** The Bill (1401760) **10.30** Three of a Kind (1427708) **11.00** Top of the Pops (8305505) **11.35** Dr Who (1445296) **12.05am** Film: My Life With Caroline. Starring Ronald Colman and Anna Lee (76243600) **1.30-2.00am** Video Bites (7529277)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (60505) **7.00** Babar (3971401) **7.55** Ratkan II (8021550) **8.30** Hammerman (50321) **9.00** Pugwall's Summer (41673) **9.30** Rude Dog and the Dweebs (90437) **10.00** Chocky's Children (82741) **10.30** The New Adventures of He-Man (47857) **11.00** Spiff and Hercules (15857) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (16586) **12.00** You Can't Do That on Television (73760) **1.00pm** The Dreamstone (12470) **1.30** Gravedale High (60296) **2.00** Adventure (1470) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (9370) **3.00** Babar (2754963) **3.25** Ratkan II (5383031) **3.30** The Berenstain Bears (2215) **4.00** Bobobobs (4050) **4.30** All for One (9514) **5.00** Phoenix Hall (5050) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (1586) **6.00-7.00** Fame (78944)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: The New *Curiosity Shop — Squeaks and Squeals*
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air: Beethoven (Overture, Leonora No 1: BBC Symphony Orchestra under Colin Davis); Paganini (Terzetto: with John Williams, guitar; Alan Loveday, violin and Amaryllis Fleming, cello); Liszt (St Francis Walking on the Waters: with Malcolm Binns, piano); Haydn (Harpsichord Concerto in D, H XVIII 11. English Concert under Trevor Pinnock, harpsichord)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Frescobaldi (Toccata No 4, Book 2: with Stefano Innocenti, organ). The composer as an imaginative writer of instrumental canzonas
9.45 Midweek Choice: Susan Sharpe presents Bach (Concerto in C minor for Violin and Oboe, BWV 1060); Ireland (Sextet); Elgar (Spanish Serenade); Arriaga (Symphony in D); Soler (Sonata in C sharp minor; Sonata in F sharp minor); Moeran (Whythorne's Shadow); Vaughan Williams (Mass in G minor); Bach, arr Holst (Fugue à la Gigue)
12.00 Maxwell Davies Conducts the BBC Concert Orchestra, with David Campbell, clarinet. Stravinsky (Circus Polka); Maxwell Davies (Strathclyde Concerto No 4); Stravinsky (Danses Concertantes) (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Manchester Summer Recital: Martin Roscoe plays Haydn (Piano Sonata in C minor, H XVI 20); Schubert (Piano Sonata in B flat, D960)
2.00 Mass for St Agapitus: Palestrina (Missa Ecce Sacerdos). Mass as it would have been celebrated in the mid-16th century. Chant choir under James O'Donnell
3.00 Ulster Orchestra under Nicholas Braithwaite performs Saeverud (Suite, Peer Gynt); Dag Wiren (Serenade in C, Op 11), Hurlstone (Fantasie Variations on a Swedish Air) (r)
4.00 Choral Evensong with the BBC Symphony Orchestra, and the BBC Singers under Christopher Robinson
5.00 In Tune: Stephen Johnson talks to the pianist Jean-Philippe Collard
7.30 BBC Proms, live from the *Albert Hall, London. The European Community Youth Orchestra under Kurt Sanderling performs Brahms (Double Concerto in A minor).* **8.05** Andrew Green looks at the legacy of Rachmaninov's post first world war recordings **8.25** Rachmaninov (Symphony No 2 in E minor). With Antje Weithaas, violin and Michael Sanderling, cello
9.35 Chita by Lafcadio Hearn 3: The Yellow Fever Outbreak (r)
10.00 Minute Operas: Chorus and Capella Cracoviensis under Karl Anton Rickenbacker perform Darius Milhaud (L'Abandon d'Ariane)
10.15 Changing Times: Jazz developments in the 1930s (r)
10.45 Tyndale's Testament: Professor David Daniell reassesses the influence of William Tyndale, said to be the forgotten father of the English Bible (r)
11.30 Late Mozart: Adagio and Rondo in C, K 617: with John Steele Ritter, celesta; Jean-Pierre Rampal, flute; Pierre Pierlot, oboe; Bruno Pasquier, viola and Roland Pidoux, cello; Divertimento in E flat, K 563: with Gyorgy Pauk, violin; Nobuko Imai, viola and Thomas Demenga, cello
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News; **6.45** Business News; **6.55, 7.55** Weather; **7.25, 8.25** Sports News; **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.43** Kitchen Philosophers: Meera Syal reads *The First Oyster* by M.F.K. Fisher **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 In the Psychiatrist's Chair: Dr Anthony Clare talks to award-winning novelist Lisa St Aubin de Teran (r)
9.45 The Benn Tapes. Former Labour cabinet minister Tony Benn continues his revelations of political life
10.00-10.30 Pack the Book (FM only): The secrets of a successful holiday brochure
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible: II Samuel, Part 3
10.30 Woman's Hour: Claudia Roden stirs up a spicy Khiyar Tereturu. Libby Spurrier looks at the history of the summer house. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time: From County Tyrone (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours with John Howard
12.25pm A Perfect Spy: The final part of John le Carré's novel, with James Fox **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One with Nick Clarke **1.40 The Archers** (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Excuse My Dust: See Choice
2.47 View from the Fish Queue: Phil Smith offers a perspective on life and current affairs
3.00 News; Miners (r)
3.42 Happily Ever After: Leslie Forbes talks to four couples with unconventional relationships. Hillary is the managing editor of a top magazine while husband Douglas opted to put his career on ice to look after young Harry (2/4)
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews the week's film releases, including the spoof *Hot Shots Part Deux* and a new print of the classic *Les Enfants du Paradis*. More reports from the Edinburgh Festival and celebrations for the Dorothy Parker centenary
4.45 Short Story: Blockage by Kate Griffin. Read by Kathryn Hunt. A tale of beginnings and endings
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6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Brain of Britain 1993: Robert Robinson chairs the fourth semi-final (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Costing the Earth. Issues from the rainforest (r)
7.45 Medicine Now
8.15 Age to Age: Italian history with Christopher Cook (r)
8.45 Accidents Will Happen: George Barber meets people who have been struck by lightning. Last in series.
9.15 Kaleidoscope (as 4.05)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Nigel Cassidy **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Fever Pitch (r)
11.00 Dear Diary: Simon Brett with diary entries for August 13 (r)
11.30 No Triumph, No Tragedy: The broadcaster Maggie Woolley has lived with deafness all her life — her father was deaf, she became deaf at the age of 18 and one of her daughters is deaf
12.00-12.43am News incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Lucie Skeaping's Early Music. *Radio 2, 9.00pm.*
Radio 2 has discovered a musical land which is roughly halfway between Radio 3 and Classic FM, and, in her new series, Skeaping has confidently planted her flag in this foreign soil. To hear early music by composers such as Lully, William Lawes and Rameau on Radio 2 can only be compared to switching on Radio 1 and hearing a Beethoven string quartet. Skeaping keeps her links short and sweet - and startling. Did *you* know, for instance, that Lully died because he was a careless conductor?

Excuse My Dust. *Radio 4. 2.00pm.*
For Dorothy Parker, at that time America's wittiest woman, 1932 was "this year of hell". Ayshe Raif's play explains why. It would have been enough if Raif, unaided, had told the heartbreaking tale of how Parker became infatuated with a notorious womaniser. But we also have to listen to the worldly-wise commentary of Parker's dachshund Robinson (Mike McShane), which turns the tragedy into farce. Kate Harper, as Parker, touchingly peels away the excoriating wit to reveal the vulnerability underneath. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1: FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Mark Goodier **11.00** 1 FM Summer Roadshow with Nicky Campbell from Woolacombe Bay **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Mark Goodier's Evening Session **8.30** The Steve Edwards Soul Show **10.00** Emma Freud **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2: FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jim Lloyd **8.00** Folk from Sidmouth **8.30** Voices from Arcadia **9.00** Lucie Skeaping's Early Music (See Choice) **9.30** Nigel Ogden **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00-5.00** [illegible]

RADIO 5: **6.00am** World Service **6.30** Da[illegible] Take Five **9.55** Bacal and His [illegible] drama by Tanika Gupta **10.25** [illegible] Part **10.30** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** Terry Nutkins's Nature **1.00** News Update **1.10** BFBS Worldwide **2.30** Sportsbeat: Athletics from Stuttgart and racing from York **4.30** Five Aside **7.15** The Beast, by Mick Gower. Read by Siriol Jenkins **7.30** Trevor Brooking's Football Night **10.10** Hit the North **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

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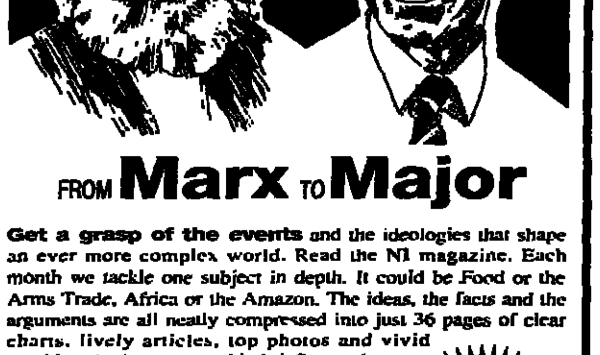

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Africans rule as Britons falter

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT
STUTTGART

AFRICA won both the 800 metres titles, and the United States took the 400 metres gold medals, at the world championships here last night on a frustrating evening for Britain. The British contingent finished without a medal but with two fourth places.

Paul Ruto was the least heralded of the three Kenyans in the men's 800 metres final, but his victory was no great surprise. He had beaten his compatriots, William Tanui, the Olympic champion, and Billy Konchellah, the world champion, in his national trial. Ruto led from start to finish, recording 1min 44.71sec, to become the slowest winner during this championship.

Giuseppe D'Urso, of Italy, who edged out Curtis Robb, of Britain, for victory in the World Student Games final in Sheffield two years ago, was second in 1:44.86. Konchellah, seeking a third successive world title, was third in 1:44.89. Robb was fourth in 1:45.54 while Tom McKean, Britain's other finalist, was last in 1:46.17.

Ruto, 32, reached the bell in 51.22sec, with Tanui in behind him and the British pair third and fourth. Over the last 100 metres the Britons ran out of strength while Konchellah, coming from seventh off the bend, made up four places.

Maria Mutola, of Mozambique, won the women's 800 metres in 1min 55.43sec but only after three athletes fell with 200 metres to go, including two who had entered the race as her most likely challengers, her compatriot, Tina Paulino, and Li Liu, of China. Diane Edwards, of Britain, was fourth in 1:59.42 behind Lyubov Gurina, of Russia, and Ella Kovacs, of Russia.

Michael Johnson, a Texan, won the 400 metres, maintaining his record of never having lost a race at the distance; and he was running this event only because a hamstring injury had prevented him from doing the speed training he needed for the 200 metres at the time of his national trials. Johnson is thus not defending his 200 metres world title.

Johnson won in 43.65sec, the third fastest time ever run; Butch Reynolds, his compatriot and world record-holder at 43.29sec, was second in 44.13sec. Samson Kitur, of Kenya, prevented an American clean sweep of the medals, taking third in 44.54sec with Quincy Watts, the Olympic champion, from America, fourth.

Jearl Miles led an United States 1-2 in the women's 400 metres, winning in 49.82sec, with Natasha Kaiser-Brown second. Miles will enjoy her victory ceremony more than did Gail Devers, her compatriot who won the 100 metres.

Devers had been a controversial winner of the women's 100 metres the previous evening. Merlene Ottey, of Jamaica, had run her close, and yesterday Devers' time was adjusted from 10.81 to 10.82, the same as Ottey's.

Today is the halfway rest-day and, when the competition resumes tomorrow, Sally Gunnell will attempt to join Linford Christie as Olympic and world champion. Her nagging concern over the form of Tatyana Ledovskaya, the defending champion, was ended yesterday when the Belorus athlete, who had not been seen on the international circuit this season, was eliminated at the semi-final stage. Gunnell advanced without difficulty.

But for Ledovskaya's world title success in Tokyo in 1991, Gunnell would have beaten Christie to the Olympic and world double; the British women's captain finished second that day, but showed Ledovskaya the way home in the Olympics.

Last night Gunnell was drawn in the first semi-final and, so relaxed was she running, that she did not extend herself to her preferred stride pattern for full-out racing. Her time, 53.95sec, was only the third fastest of the round but Gunnell did all she needed to. "I just wanted to get under 54sec," she said.

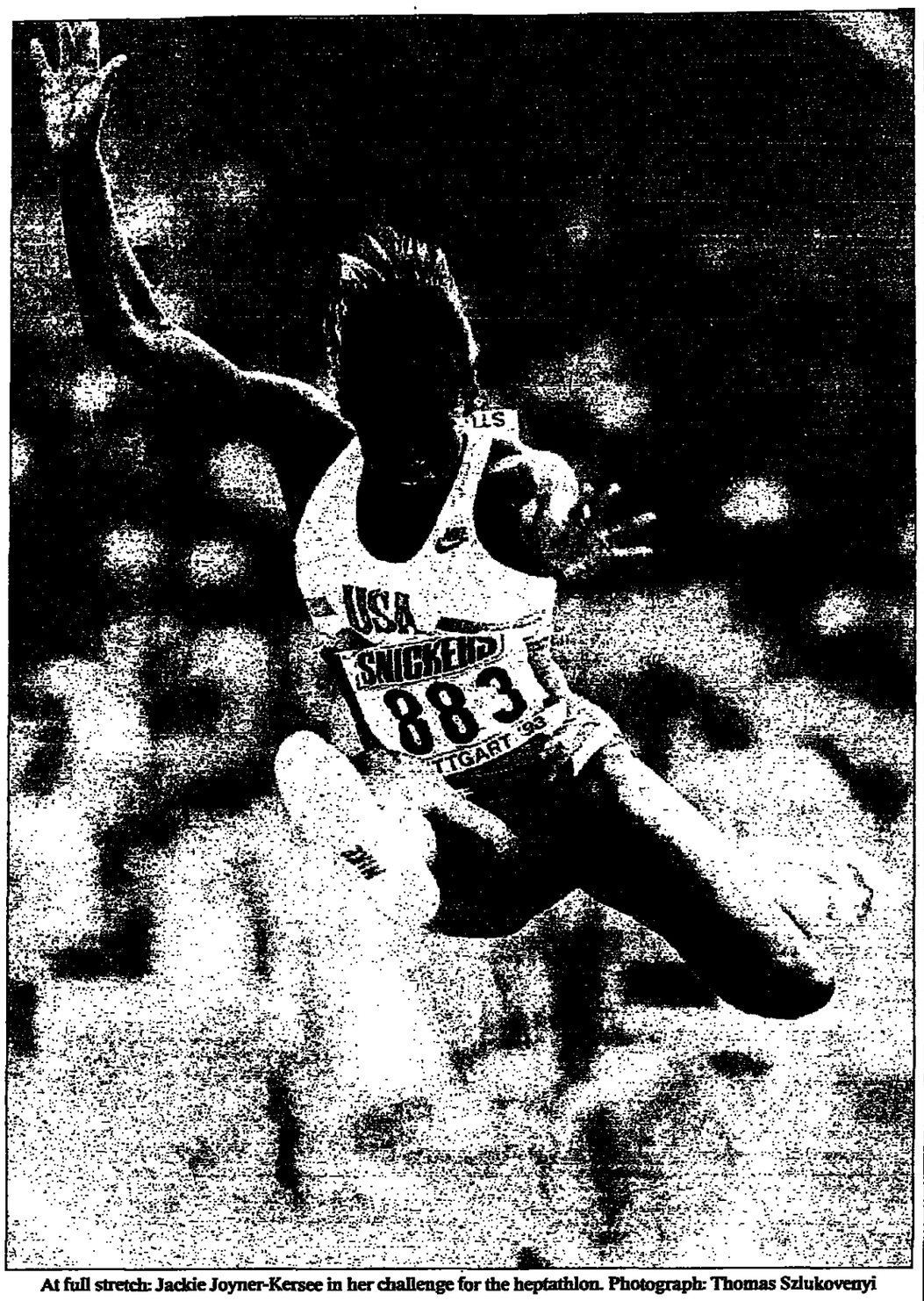
She made a quick exit, not stopping to watch the opposition, in contrast to Samuel Matete, the men's world champion, who, having qualified, remained to study the form of Kevin Young, the Olympic champion. She missed a quick qualifying run from Margarita Ponomaryova, 53.71sec, but Gunnell has beaten the Russian this season and there is no reason to suppose she will not do again.

The third semi-final was won by Sandra Farmer-Patrick, of the United States, who was also quicker than Gunnell, with 53.88sec; Farmer-Patrick, too, has lost to Gunnell this season.

Gunnell, whose technique is in a class of its own, looks ready to break 53.00sec, perhaps even become the first woman for five years to set a track world record, if the weather is conducive. The record of 52.94sec, held by Marina Styepanova, of the former Soviet Union, is seven years old.

Young, who has lost three of his last four races after going 26 unbeaten, seems to have regained his rhythm. He ran 47.99sec easing up and the three main contenders remain: Young, Matete and Winthrop Graham.

Now that Kriss Akabusi has retired, Gary Cadogan was Britain's only representative. Though Cadogan was still in the running for a place in the final coming off the bend, he crashed into the ninth hurdle and finished seventh.



At full stretch: Jackie Joyner-Kersee in her challenge for the heptathlon. Photograph: Thomas Szlukovenyi

TCCB in no rush to choose Dexter's successor

BY ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

TED Dexter's successor as chairman of the England committee will not be known until December at least, but the counties who will appoint him were yesterday left in no doubt as to Dexter's view of their part in his downfall.

Presenting his final report to the August meeting of the Test and County Cricket Board, Dexter said the board "must ask itself whether the 18 first-class counties are the centres of excellence they should be if England is going to compete effectively. It would be very hard for them to say they are."

Dexter concluded that the cure lay in the injection of "money, energy and an awful lot of trust in the England committee". He sat down, by all accounts, to a rare ovation from the county chairmen who, having tacitly approved the status of the England committee, must now find someone else willing to take on an onerous and often unenviable job which may be broadened in scope.

The clutch of television crews who gathered at Lord's yesterday hoping for the new chief to be presented were always going to be disappointed but the process is to take even longer than had been anticipated. The board's executive committee is to meet in September and its recommendations will then be discussed by a special meeting of the board in October.

Even then, however, no appointment will be made and Alan Smith, the chief executive, does not discount the possibility that the new man will be named at the board's spring meeting next March. "There is a recognition that everyone must pull in the right direction and the board has resolved to take plenty of time to get this right," Smith said.

Smith believes the post could be redefined so that it is virtually full-time and one suggestion is that the new man will become chairman of both the England committee and the board's cricket committee. The selection meeting for England's winter tours, scheduled for September 14, will be chaired by Frank Chamberlain, the chairman of the board.

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Death of top filly another blow to owner

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

LORD Carnarvon, the Queen's racing manager, yesterday suffered his third serious reverse in less than five months when his promising two-year-old filly, Pommes Frites, died after failing to recover from an anaesthetic.

Pommes Frites, who cost Carnarvon 20,000 guineas as a yearling, was being operated on to remove a bone chip from her knee. She received the injury when running unplaced in the St Hugh's Stakes at Newbury on Saturday.

"The chip had been successfully removed," Carnarvon's son-in-law, John Warren, said at York yesterday, "but she reacted badly to the anaesthetic and never recovered. The vet said he had performed more than 400 of these operations without anything like this happening."

Carnarvon's loss of Pommes Frites follows the death, less than two weeks ago, of his brilliant filly Niche, who was killed when getting loose on the gallops and colliding with an oncoming car. In March, Carnarvon's stakes-winning young broodmare, Melodrama, died while foaling, and to add insult to injury, Melodrama's half-sister, Lemon Souffle, had to be withdrawn from tomorrow's Lowther Stakes when she pulled a muscle.

"Lord Carnarvon is putting a brave face on these disasters," Warren said, "but they are crippling for a breeder of his size. He is feeling very depressed."

Carnarvon's Highclere Stud, in Berkshire, relies on the produce of a small but select band of broodmares to breed his horses, most of which he sells as yearlings in an effort to balance the stud's books. Viewed in that light, the deaths of Pommes Frites, Niche and Melodrama represent a serious financial setback.

The cruel irony is that Carnarvon was touted as one of the sport's "lucky" owners only at the beginning of the year. But Warren said: "In this game you have to work at it. It is hard for him, nothing like this has happened to him in 50 years of racing and breeding horses."

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Norwich aiming to erase memory of 7-1 defeat

Walker: deserves credit

BY KEITH PIKE

MIKE Walker found it hard to hide his resentment for those who refused to give his Norwich City side the credit it deserved last season. He could now be forgiven for thinking that someone, somewhere, was keen to make life as difficult as possible for the East Anglian upstarts.

The person who programmed the FA Carling Premiership fixture computer springs to mind. Seven wins in their first ten games last season gave Norwich the platform to mount a sustained assault on the championship, a challenge that only faltered in the last month of the season. They will do well to make such a start this time.

As if an opening encounter with the champions and subsequent defeat was not enough, Norwich must also take on Leeds United, Sheffield Wednesday and Ipswich Town in the first three weeks of the season. Yet possibly the biggest test of their resolve comes tonight at Ewood Park.

It was there last October that Blackburn Rovers inflicted on Norwich their worst defeat for nearly 30 years, winning 7-1 with a display of spectacular finishing. That neither Alan Shearer, not fully recovered from a knee ligament injury, nor Roy Wegerle, now with Coventry City, will not be playing should ease Walker's sense of foreboding. Both scored twice last season.

Should Norwich's defence again prove suspect, Walker will step up his efforts to sign Neil Emblem, 21, from the Bezzer Homes League side, Sittingbourne. Walker confirmed yesterday that he has made a "six-figure" bid for the defender, who had a pre-season trial at Carrow Road.

Newcastle United, who lost at home to Tottenham Hotspur on their return as first division champions, will be without Steve Howey, their central defender, for the game against Coventry City at Highfield Road. It is another blow for Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, who now has 18 players out through injury, illness or suspension.

Howey, who underwent a double hernia operation in the summer, travelled to London yesterday to see a specialist. Hoping to profit from his absence is Mick Quinn, the former Newcastle striker who scored all three goals in Coventry's opening-day victory over Arsenal to take his tally to 20 goals in 27 matches since Keegan discarded him.

Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, must decide whether to recall Eric Cantona for the match against Sheffield United at Old Trafford if his French forward has recovered from a knee injury.

Cwmbran Town, who opened their defence of the Konica League of Wales title in front of 220 supporters on Saturday, expect ten times as many at their Henllys Road ground tonight to savour their first taste of European competition.

Cwmbran take on Cork City, the Bord Gais League of Ireland champions, in the first leg of a European Cup preliminary round tie, cast firmly in the role of underdogs but with Tony Wilcox, their manager, hoping to prolong what he says has already been "a great adventure".

Part-timers they might be, but what is good enough for the leading European managers is good enough for Wilcox, who left his desk at a council housing office to attend the draw in Geneva and has since digested a friend's report on tonight's opponents. Wilcox admits to "a certain amount of apprehension" but has urged his part-time players to relish the occasion and reminded them of the rewards: Galatasaray, of Turkey, await the winners.

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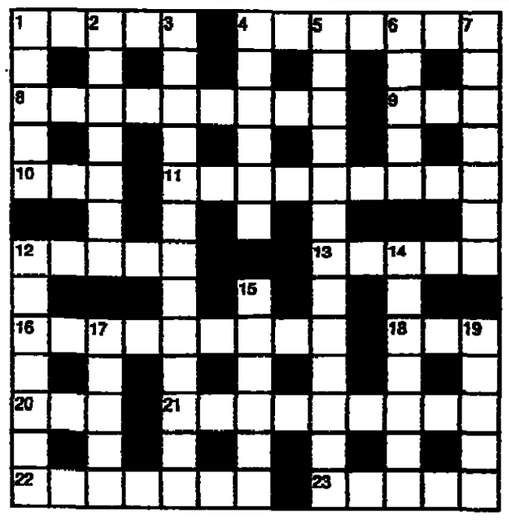

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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Paglilla - Carbonne, Argentina 1985. White has problems: he cannot capture the black queen, because of the threat to his rook; if he moves his rook, ... Qxf6 will follow; and finally 1 Rxd8+ Qxd8 leads nowhere. White solved these problems with a brilliant thrust. Can you spot it?

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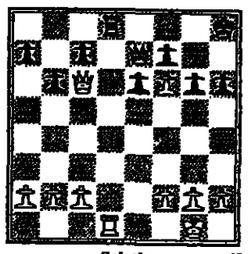

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

DELEATUR
a. A traitor
b. A deletion mark
c. Gladiator's body armour

ETACISM
a. Old pronunciation of "e"
b. Prejudice against the young
c. An early Christian heresy

SPOORER
a. A tracker
b. A Name at Lloyd's
c. A spore-spreading flower

STUBBARD
a. An incipient beard
b. A defender in the last ditch
c. An early apple

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